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HAVE MOVED TO THEIR NEW QUARTERS

Backus Novelty Company Now Located in Cut Glass Plant.

NEW MACHINERY HAS BEEN ADDED

Local Concern Now Have Large, Commodious New Quarters—Expect to Be Entirely Moved Before End of This Week—Now Is One of the Finest Equipped Plants in This Section.

Before the end of this week the Backus Novelty company expects to have their entire plant moved into their new quarters in the Cut Glass building, and to say they have a model factory would be putting it mildly. The three floors will be utilized for their work.

In the basement will be the power room and the machine shops of this company, in which is found some of the most modern and up-to-date machinery made. A new 30 to 35 horsepower National Engineering Co. gas engine has been installed to furnish the power required to run the plant. A 4½-ton stamping machine has been added to the battery of these machines which will enable this company to handle nearly any sized job which requires the use of dies, and the lack of this larger machine before has compelled the Novelty company to turn down several first-class contracts, but now they are in condition to handle any sized job. A $900 Cincinnati Universal Miller is another machine which will greatly facilitate the making of dies. This is a most intricate machine and one which delights a person with a mechanical turn of mind and one which requires considerable ability to run. An automatic surface grinder is yet another new machine, used extensively in die making, and is so constructed as to grind a surface of metal to one-thousandth of an inch in perfection. A new automatic wire-straightener is a machine used to straighten wire which comes in coils and is used for springs, etc., thus enabling the workman handling the wire to do much better and faster work. All this new machinery, together with the old, consisting of lathes, shapers, drills, etc., presents a picture of an ideal shop, being, as it is, in a large light room.

On the first floor will be the offices in front, consisting of one large room, general office and two private offices. A few alterations in the front of the building will be necessary in arranging them, and it will be done as soon as the new plant is in running order. Back of these will be the assembling and packing room in which the products of the factory are made ready for shipment. In the rear of this room will be two rooms; one being the plating room where nearly all the products are nickel or copper-plated or oxidized; and the other is the polishing room in which will be placed the buffers and emery wheels which polish the products after plating. A new time-recording clock has been placed on this floor which records the time of the employes as they come and go from work.

The third floor will be used at present as a store-room for the woodwork used in making the umbrella racks, run boards for the check hooks, etc.

The plant throughout is lighted with electricity and is heated by steam. And the one great good feature of it all is the fact that the rooms are all so large and light, there being immumerable windows on all sides.

This company has just completed a sample order of 1000 railroad ticket office devices which go to Rolley, N. C., and among the large orders now on hand have one for 40,000 razor stroppers for a Canton, Ohio, concern, which, if satisfactory, the order will be raised to 200,000. This Canton concern has given the Backus Novelty company a $5000 bond, guaranteeing prompt monthly settlements, which is a good illustration of the gilt-edge contracts this local company is securing.

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8 improved vacant lots at Crosby, Pa. 2 show cases, 1 money drawer, paper rack and counter. House and 3 acres of land situated between Crosby and Colegove, Pa., with other buildings.

VOLNEY F. DUNBAR,
Feb.2-12t Portville, N. Y.

Wire Fence.

Daly & Garlick have just received a car load of wire fence which they are offering at very low prices. Mar.23-2t

COUNCIL MEETING.

Borough Dads Meet in Hose Parlors Monday Night.

Monday evening at 8:20 President J. C. Backus called the council to order. Roll was called and Sasse, Backus, Waite, Denning, Daly and Engstrom were present. Workley being absent. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The following bills were ordered paid:

Frank McCarthy, police for March, $55.00.

George Hyde, carpenter work, $1.00.

Thomas Clark, repairing street lights, $1.20.

Sam S. Fry, team work, $13.50.

E. W. Jones, team work, $2.25.

John Cramsie, street commissioner for March, $60.00.

V. B. Bouton, retainer for March and stationery and postage, $13.25.

S. H. Cleveland, dog tags, $2.70.

Smethport Water Co., water to April 1, 1911, $190.00.

The burgess reported 8 arrests during the month of March, and $6 collected in fines.

Wm. Provin of Olean remitted $3.50 for having snow shoveled from in front of his property in this borough.

V. B. Bouton, solicitor, handed in $136.01 collected from sewer bills.

Sasse, Waite and Daly were appointed a committee of three to investigate a fire alarm system.

Solicitor Bouton reported that he had received no reply as yet from Harrisburg, asking for an extension of time for the sewer disposal.

All business being finished the council adjourned at 9:25 o'clock.

CARRIED LUCKY SEABEAN.

Well in Greece City Field Makes a Good Showing.

John Turner's lucky seabean evidently brought him good luck, from reports which emanated from the old Greece City field this morning.

Mr. Turner has had more than his share of hard luck in drilling operations the past year, and on his last well he was more than six months in finishing the job.

When the California cars were here several weeks ago Mr. Turner was one of the visitors and he made a request for one of the lucky seabeans. It was given to him and he has carried the bean while working on the well. It tapped the sand this morning and he claims that the lucky seabean was responsible for his good fortune.

This well is located on the Hutchison farm in the old Greece City field and is one of the farms which has never been drilled on during the oil excitement in that territory, the Turner company having a block of more than 100 acres, all virgin territory.

The well reached the fourth sand at an early hour this morning with a good showing and when the bit was four feet in the sand, the well commenced to flow.

According to telephone reports from the field this morning the well cut several small flows and drilling was suspended until an oil saver could be sent out, and the probabilities are that the well will be drilled in this afternoon. If it proves to be the well expected it will stir up some excitement in the old field.—Butler Times.

REMARKABLE NERVE.

Condemned Man Adjusts Noose About His Neck.

A remarkable display of nerve was made in the county jail yard at Pottsville, Pa., on Thursday by Joseph Christock, who was hanged for the murder last fall of Mrs. Ann Richards. Declining the proferred assistance of a priest and deputy sheriff, the man walked smilingly from his cell to the foot of the gallows and ran lightly up the steps. It was a public hanging and before him stood 1,000 persons to whom he waved his hand. Then he reached up, grasped the noose and placed it around his neck, put his arms by his side to be strapped and smilingly said, "Good-bye, all." The nervy man then held his head in position for the adjustment of the black cap and in another moment the trap was sprung. He was dead in 12 minutes.

Before going to the gallows Christock made a complete confession, declaring he had shot the woman when he was detected by her attempting to mistreat her daughter. He told of numerous highway robberies and burglaries he had committed, in the neighborhood, and wound up in his confession by saying that he deserved to be hanged. He joked of death to the very end.

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COUNTY'S POPULATION.

Figures of the Last Census Are Made Public.

The census bureau has made public the following statistics for McKean county:

	1910	1900
McKean county	47868	51343
Annin township	716	914
Bradford city	14544	15029
Ward 1	1379	
Ward 2	2943	
Ward 3	2935	
Ward 4	2993	
Ward 5	2294	
Ward 6	2060	
Bradford township	2605	2938
Ceres township	956	1106
Corydon township	190	260
Eldred borough	1235	963
Eldred township	1205	1493
Foster township	1537	1793
Hamilton township	1565	1596
Hamlin township	2005	3494
Kane borough	6626	5296
Ward 1	1604	
Ward 2	1786	
Ward 3	1793	
Ward 4	1443	
Keating township	2149	2845
Lafayette township	1773	1690
Liberty township	863	1694
Mt. Jewett borough	1773	1690
Norwich township	936	978
Port Allegany borough	1972	1853
Sergeant township	598	1057
Smethport borough	1817	1704
Wetmore township	1620	1454

EAR TORN OFF.

Most Shocking Accident Last Evening on Jackson Avenue.

John Wright, an aged resident of Bolivar Run, was most seriously injured a few minutes after 9 o'clock last evening when the buggy in which he was riding collided with a Jackson avenue car. His right ear was torn completely off and his head and face bruised and cut. These injuries were incurred, it is supposed, when he struck the pavement after being thrown from the buggy.

The injured man was taken to the hospital and given surgical attention by Drs. D. E. and Guy Ash. The detached ear was replaced and late last night the victim of the accident was expected to recover, although he was suffering from the shock.

Mr. Wright drove to Bradford from Bolivar Run yesterday morning. He placed his horse in a barn and left for Salamanca on a trolley car. Returning to the city last evening he started for home, going out Jackson avenue way. When a short distance beyond the Dresser residence he encountered a Jackson avenue trolley car in charge of Motorman George England and Conductor Kenyon. The collision which occurred was terrific as a number of windows in the car were broken and the buggy considerably damaged. The horse escaped. A boy who was riding with Mr. Wright at the time of the accident, jumped and thereby saved himself from being hurt.

There are a number of theories as to just how the accident happened. One is that the horse became frightened at the approaching car and shied, throwing the driver out and another has it that the driver was confused and did not clear of the approaching car.—To-day's Era.

OLD EDINBORO STUDENTS.

Prof. J. A. Cooper Desires the Present Address of Every One of His Former Pupils.

The Edinboro State Normal School will celebrate the Semi-Centennial of its founding the week of June 25-July 1 next. Edinboro will have an Old Home Week at the same time. It is expected that thousands of the former students of this famous institution will return to meet their former schoolmates, and that other thousands of former citizens will come back for Old Home Week. J. A. Cooper, who long served as principal of the school and who has been prominent in the town's improvements, will take an active part in both celebrations and will address the returning students on Thursday, June 29. He desires the post office address of every living student who attended the school during his term of service, 1861 to 1892. To all who write him giving their present address he will send a personal letter and enclose the program of the week's exercises. If you are one of Prof. Cooper's old students please drop him a line to-day, or if you know any such students, please call their attention to Mr. Cooper's request.

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BAD MAN IS NOW LODGED IN COUNTY JAIL

Swindled Parents of Kidnapped Steffan Boy Near Kane

"DETECTIVE" IS NOW IN JAIL

He Proves to be Frank Brown, Alias Frank Barnes, Alias Frank Ruth, Who Has Served Many Terms in Penitentiary—A Most Despicable Crime—Brought Here Last Thursday.

Last Thursday's Kane Republican says: Yesterday forenoon about 11:30 a man broke in upon us seemingly very much excited, claiming he was a detective from Lima, Ohio, and that he had succeeded in running down a band of gypsies in the outskirts of that city that had a boy whom he was sure was the lost Edward Adams, of this place, and had also taken a boy from a man, who was afterwards arrested as a vagrant, that he thought was the lost Steffan boy of Ludlow, Pa. He asked for pictures of the boys and when the same were handed him which he observed very closely, he was positive he had the boys, and that the Adams boy was on a farm not far from Lima, while the Steffan boy was in an Old Ladies' Home in the same city. He also said that when he came across the gypsies they were camping on the Clover Leaf Railroad (whatever road that may be) at Ohio City, 52 miles west of Lima.

Before he left our office he asked that we keep what he had told us very quiet until to-day when he would be at liberty to give us facts that we could publish, and that in the meantime he was going to Ludlow to see the mother and father of the Steffan boy and would return on the 4:35 train in the afternoon, and then consult with Mr. Adams at LaMont, Pa. The story related to us seemed possible, and he had us guessing until we went out on the streets and heard it whispered around "that a detective had got the Adams and Steffan boys." We then heard several conflicting stories, and in the meantime the authorities got busy, and it was learned that the would-be detective had boarded the 12:10 train for Ludlow, and that upon his arrival there had succeeded in getting $25 from the father of the Steffan boy for the return of his son.

After receiving the money he hired a rig and was on his way to Sheffield when his arrest was ordered by the authorities here, upon his arrival at that place. He was captured there when he drove in to town and Chief of Police Ives left here on the 6:30 train and brought the prisoner back at 9:10, and he was placed in the lockup where he remained until this morning when he was given a hearing at the office of Justice Gillis. When he was taken before the justice he waived a hearing, and was consequently held under $500 bail for his appearance at court, and not being able to furnish bail he was taken to Smethport this afternoon by Constable John W. McKnall.

According to the Bradford Sunday Herald, this man who gave his name as Frank W. Conors, has been identified as Frank Brown, alias Frank Barnes, alias Frank Ruth, a man who has served many terms in prisons in different parts of the country.

Brown was formerly a pal of Dan Wilder, another man who has been accused of many serious crimes and who is now serving a term in the Western penitentiary. Both Wilder and Brown lived in Bradford, and the latter had the distinction of being the first prisoner to occupy the lockup in the new city building. Brown had hastily left Bradford and took with him Grace Lee a girl about 14 years of age. He was arrested in DuBois and brought back to Bradford. Brown was found guilty of abduction and served his "bit" in the Western penitentiary for that crime.

After leaving Bradford, Wilder and Brown located in Olean and had been there but a short time before Wilder made information against Brown and as a result Brown was given a sentence in the Erie county penitentiary. The next time the pair leaped into the limelight was in Venango county where they were arrested for robbing a woman at Triumph. While in the Venango county jail, Brown "peached" on Wilder and told a story of a series of crimes in which he claimed Wilder had been implicated. He said that Wilder had killed the treasurer of Mercer county and had also murdered a pal in the woods of Forest county and burned the body in an old shack to avoid detection. Brown's stories were thoroughly investigated and although but little tangible developed from the investigation, Wilder was sentenced to a term of six years in the Western penitentiary and is now serving that term.

A short time ago Brown came to Bradford and threatened a woman who was a relative of Wilder and who lived here at that time. The police were notified and Brown was ordered to quit the city. He left on an Olean traction car and has not been seen here since that time. He is known to the police as a dangerous crook and will probably receive what is coming to him from the Smethport mills of justice.

The crime that this man is accused of is one of the most despicable that has come to our notice in a long time and if found guilty he should be sent to the penitentiary for the full limit of time, which we understand is only two years. A life sentence would be none to small for a person who will take advantage of parents under such circumstances.

AGED MAN DIES.

Deloss Burlingame Passes away at Altoona, Aged 81 Years.

The Altoona News of March 28, has the following report of a formerly well-known and highly respected citizen of this county:

Deloss Burlingame, one of Altoona's oldest and most respected citizens, and father of H. D. Burlingame, the well-known wholesale merchant, died at 1 o'clock this morning of heart failure, at his home, No. 1108 Twentieth avenue, after an illness of but one week.

Mr. Burlingame was 81 years old, and up until his last illness he was a remarkably active man. On his 81st birthday last fall he walked from this city to Hollidaysburg, with little fatigue. On Monday, March 20, while in the basement of his home looking after the fire he was suddenly stricken with heart trouble and he steadily grew weaker until the final summons came this morning.

The deceased was born at Smethport, McKean county, Sept. 22, 1829. When he grew to manhood he located at Sizerville, Cameron county, where he engaged in farming and lumbering, which occupation he followed during his life, or until his retirement from business six years ago, when he located in Altoona. He was a member of the Methodist church.

He was married on January 24, 1855, to Miss Elvira Sizer, who died on January 19, 1909, prior to his removal to Altoona. He is survived by three sons, Homer D. and Buell of this city; Prof. Elmer Burlingame of Johnsonburg, formerly principal of the Irving school in this city, and two daughters, Miss Verna E. and Mrs. R. B. Sage of Altoona. There are also five grandchildren. During the Civil war Mr. Burlingame enlisted in the army, but did not enter the service.

The funeral services will be conducted on Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock at the house, and the body will be taken to Sizerville on the 11:30 train for burial.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH.

Services for Palm Sunday and During Holy Week.

Palm Sunday, April 9th, Holy Communion at 8 a. m. Morning prayer, litany and sermon, at 10:30 a. m. Evening prayer at 7:30.

Holy week: Holy Communion every morning, except Good Friday, at 8 o'clock. Morning prayer every morning at 10:30. Evening prayer every evening, except Wednesday. In addition Children's services Wednesday and Good Friday at 4 p. m. On Good Friday "The Three Hours" from 12 m. to 3 p. m.

Baptisms Easter Even, Saturday at 4 p. m.

Wednesday evening prayer, Litany and sermon at 7:30 at East Smethport.

Thursday, Preparation of Easter Communion at evening service at St. Luke's.

Good Friday, Intercessions at evening service at St. Luke's.

Lost.

Strayed from by home at Bush Hill a brown and white shepherd dog. Has leather collar brass trimmed, two tags on it, 1909, 1910. Finder please notify me at once.

WALTER VAN SICKLE,
Apr.6-1t-pd Smethport,
R. F. D. Pa.

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DROPPED DEAD IN KANE.

David Whitestone of Bradford Died Suddenly Last Friday.

David W. Whitestone, a well-known business man of Bradford who had many friends in Smethport, died very suddenly in Kane last Friday morning, from an attack of heart trouble. The following is taken from Friday's Star-Record:

For over a year Mr. Whitestone had been in failing health. About a year ago he was seriously ill and for three months was unable to attend to his business affairs. He never entirely regained his strength but for several months past had appeared to be slowly improving. This morning Mr. Whitestone concluded to make a business trip to Kane and left Bradford on the 7:50 B., R. & P. train. After arriving in Kane he went to The New Thompson house. Mr. Whitestone was acquainted with the clerk who was on duty at that time and after greeting him went down stairs to the lavatory. In about half an hour a man connected with the hotel, noticed Mr. Whitestone's hat lying on the floor and on investigation found the Bradford man stretched upon the floor. He was unconscious and breathing heavily. Dr. Sweeny was hurriedly summoned, but the man's life had ebbed before the physician reached him.

Landlord Fleming of The New Thompson, notified Coroner Sherman and also the family, of Mr. Whitestone's death. The news was a terrible shock to the wife and children. J. Krelnson, John Weiss and L. H. Simons left at noon for Kane to make arrangements for the removal of the body from Kane to this city.

Mr. Whitestone had been a resident of Bradford for 33 years. He came to this city from Millerstown, Pa., and opened a cigar store in a building which occupied a part of the site of the present structure of the Bradford National bank. Later he purchased the building then known as "Power Hall" and now occupied by the Postal Telegraph company. A few years ago, Mr. Whitestone found that he needed more room and moved to the McNamara building on the corner of Main and Chambers street, where he has since conducted a wholesale and retail tobacco business. He was well-known throughout the eastern oil fields. Mr. Whitestone was an upright business man and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of the many men with whom he had had business transactions in years past. His unexpected decease will cause a general feeling of regret.

Deceased was 62 years of age and is survived by his widow, three sons, Isador, Louis and Jerome, and one daughter, Elsie. Isadore is at present in New York. Louis and Jerome are at home, but the former is ill of the grip. Mr. Whitestone was a member of Union Lodge, No. 334, F. & A. M.; Tuna Lodge, No. 411, I. O. O. F.; Star Conclave, No. 171, Improved Order of Heptasophs and the United Commercial Travelers.

WILL MEET IN KANE.

McKean County Volunteer Firemen's Association Meeting to be Held There July 3 and 4.

The third annual "meet" of the McKean County Volunteer Firemen's Association will be held in Kane this year. The delegates of the fire departments from the five different towns comprising the Association met at Kane on Tuesday last and set the dates for Monday and Tuesday, July 3rd and 4th. Much other business of importance was transacted and this Association is to-day well organized and is promoting the fire-fighting business of this county in a creditable manner. The previous meets of the Association have been held here in connection with the Fair. The attendance has been large and a finer body of men never got together. Smethport takes a pardonable pride in the Association as J. W. Waite of the local department was one of the originators of the organization.

Kane is a high-toned town, famous for its hostelries, hospital and hospitality and we bespeak for the fire laddies a high old time up there.

Mrs. Caroline Washburn has a quantity of loose hay to sell at her barn in Stickles Hollow. Mar.23-2t-pd

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WHITE ROCK EGGS, $1.00 per sitting. B. S. Bayle, Smethport. 30-tf

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Lost.

Nose glasses, gold chain attached and in leather case, between Brasted's bakery and Sheridan Gorton's home. Finder will be rewarded by returning to Sheridan Gorton.

MYSTERY OF THE UMBRELLA

Pittsburg Shopkeeper Wondered About It for Many Days—Simple, After All.

In the midst of a driving rainstorm one day recently the owner of a small store on a North side street corner was startled by the violent opening of the door and the sound of rushing feet. Hastily dropping the work she was doing in the rear room, she hurried toward the front of the store just in time to see the door slammed shut and a strange man running away at top speed. When she reached the door he had disappeared; but when she turned to investigate she was astonished to behold a handsome gold-handled silk umbrella, dripping with moisture, lying on the showcase.

Surprise, alarm and complete mystification were mingled. What possible explanation could there be of a stranger dashing into her place in the midst of a drenching downpour, leaving his fine umbrella without a word of explanation, and rushing forth into the rain without it?

The more she thought about it the deeper grew the mystery. She related the incident to her customers. Not one of them could offer a plausible solution. She finally concluded the man was crazy, and she felt profoundly thankful that he had done no worse.

Then one day a second stranger appeared. He was almost as mysterious as the first. He produced a letter and handed it to the storekeeper. It was dated Chicago and read:

"Dear Tom: I left your umbrella in the little store at the corner near your house. Just had time to grab a car, so failed to explain to storekeeper. Left it on showcase. Hope you recover it O. K."

"Well, I declare," was all the little storekeeper could gasp as she produced the umbrella. "How simple it was, after all."—Pittsburg Gazette-Times.

KOREANS AND THE JAPS

What the Conquered People Think About the Moral Quality of Jap Promises.

The Koreans are so constituted that no merely superficial change can possibly commend itself to them, says a writer in the Christian Herald. Many tempted such changes, but always with the most unsatisfactory results. They have learned better, and they will now accept no change that does not promise a fundamental reform. They admit that the Japanese have done many wonderful things and have effected many startling changes; but they do not believe that Japan has gotten to the bedrock of western civilization, nor ever will, until the revolution shall show signs of being a moral, as well as a merely material one. The treatment they have received at the hands of Japan has not as yet warranted them in placing faith in the moral quality of Japan's promises.

The Korean does not often formulate his ideas, but underneath the surface, perhaps only unconsciously, they realize that Japanese feudalism, which lies at the root of all her military and social achievements, is a feudalism without chivalry. It is lacking in that altruism which is the glimpse a willing self-sacrifice for the whole world. They believe that Japan is occupied only with those forces which make for physical power. Whether they are right in this the world must decide for itself. I only note the fact that the Koreans so believe.

Eloquence With a Drop to It.

Judge Talmadge, who was elected to the bench in New York on the Independence League ticket, was defending Josephine Terralova, who was on trial for killing her uncle. He made an impassioned speech to the jury, and wound up about all the oratorical phrases known to those who argue cases.

Then he came to his peroration. It was as follows:

"Gentlemen of the jury, this young girl heard the voice of God crying in her ears: 'Kill him! Kill him! Kill him!' or words to that effect."

—The girl was acquitted.

A Dose of Her Own Medicine.

The wit of Mrs. Cavendish Bentinck, the daughter of Maturin Livingston, amused Newport during the summer.

Newport laughed with special enjoyment over Mrs. Cavendish Bentinck's reply to a professional palmist who said to her:

"Tell me, madam, do you think I'd succeed if I went to London and opened a parlor in Old Bond street?"

"Ah, my friend, as to that," Mrs. Cavendish Bentinck replied, "you'd better look at your own palm and find out!"

Their Freshness.

"These eggs don't seem to be real fresh," objected the man from Philadelphia.

"Well, it's your fault, then," snapped the Cincinnati waitress. "They were fresh when I brought them on, but you've been half an hour opening 'em."

Nerve.

Lady—Why do you give me this bit of paper?

Tramp—Madam, I do not like to criticise your soup, but it is not like mother used to make. Allow me to give you her recipe."—Fliegende Blaetter.

SERVED ACCORDING TO ORDER

Divinity Student Neatly Turns Tables on Prankish Members of Militia.

In one of the companies of a Wisconsin militia regiment are two students of Lawrence college who are studying for the ministry. While the regiment was at Camp Douglass this summer some of the boys of the company thought to have a little fun at the expense of the two ministers. When the beer, which some one had sent to the regiment as a treat, was to be served they asked their captain if the two ministers might serve it.

He said they might. The boys were jubilant and served notice of their new duty to the two students.

One of them refused to have anything to do with it, but the other, Private Keith, took the notice, which read: "The beer must be served on the grounds and no man must get drunk," and said he would obey it.

He went to his lieutenant and asked him if the company might be held at parade rest while he served the beer. He was assured that it should be done.

Private Keith then rolled the keg up in front of his company, knocked out the bung and let the beer out on the ground. When it had all run out he turned to his lieutenant, gave the salute and said:

"Lieutenant, I have served the beer on the grounds and I am sure no man is drunk."—Youth's Companion.

THE TELEPHONE IN EUROPE

Twenty Nations Have Total of One-Third as Many Telephones as United States.

How vast the telephone business has become may be inferred from the statement that in thirty years the Western Electric has sold $67,000,000 worth of telephonic apparatus to foreign countries, and yet Europe, with her 20 nations has but one-third as many telephones as are in use in the United States, while in proportion to her population, Europe has only one-thirteenth as many. The United States with six per cent. of the earth and five per cent. of the human race has 70 per cent. of the telephones.

Germany has only as many telephones as has the state of New York, and Great Britain as many as Ohio, while Chicago has more than London and Boston twice as many as Paris. Only six nations in Europe make a fair showing—the Germans, British, Swedes, Danes, Norwegians and Swiss—the others having less than one telephone per hundred. Denmark has more telephones than has Austria, while little Finland has a service superior in quality to that of France.

Just Folks' Philosophy.

"Problems," says Liza Allen, "shucks, folks ain't got no problem, not when you really know 'em—they're just folks."

"Folks git more pleasure out of what costs 'em most."

"Love came to transform the old, hard law, and make happiness not only possible, but an obligation."

"An' as fer fire, there's none like pride t' kape ye warm!"

"Great overcoming has been the history of all great art."

"You can tell her I 'hust got you sewed up for de winter und I ain'd goin' to take off your clodes before it iss spring, und for no one."

"He won't never one to keep much about mere stilldines. It'sn it had some ginger long with it."

"Principles ain't strong in the young as they be when you've l'arned how much they stand for."—From Clara E. Laughlin's novel "Just Folks."

Preserving Indian Language.

Stevens Savade, the last living male representative of the Molalla Indians, passed through Portland the other day en route to the Siletz Indian reservation, where he will join Doctor Frachtenberg and will teach the doctor the Molalla Indian language for preservation in the Smithsonian Institution at Washington.

Doctor Frachtenberg has been among the Indian of this coast for a number of years studying their languages for record at Washington.

The Indian, now sixty-two years of age, did not wait to be discovered, and it was only after Superintendent Egbert of the Siletz tribe had interested other Indians in the search that the redskin was located at Woodland, Wash. Mr. Egbert called on Savage and induced him to furnish the information wanted.—Portland Oregonian.

Excuse for Another.

"To the drunkard anything is an excuse for a drink."

The speaker, Dr. H. Clay Winter, Cleveland's specialist in dipsomania, smiled and resumed:

"I found one of my worst patients in a rathskeller on a Saturday night. Nine saucers were stacked before him and pointing to the saucers sternly, I said:

"'What, nine large beers already! My dear Jobbins, think of your ten children.'

"'Thanks for the reminder, doc,' the dipsomaniac answered. 'Here, waiter, bring me one more beer.'"

A Common Fate.

"It is a terrible thing," said the prisoner, "to be known by a number instead of a name, and to feel that all my life I shall be an object of suspicion among the police."

"But you will not be alone, my friend," replied the philanthropic visitor; "the same thing happens to people who own automobiles."

GREATEST OF ALL CONQUESTS

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The mighty powers of nature have only been conquered by man at his peril. Think of the holocaust of human lives that have gone up as a burnt offering. Look back at the beginning of coal oil as an illuminant, the elevator, the steamboat, the railroad, the automobile and the tremendous powers controlled in high explosives. In the art of flying we stand upon the threshold of, perhaps, the mightiest of all of man's conquests of nature, and there will be no faltering, even if there be much sacrifice of life. The niches are ready and waiting for the martyrs—the greatest martyrs of all.

The fishes of the sea navigate within a fluid by the manipulation of fins for propulsion. But man has devised something far superior to fins. It is the rotating propellor. In the air the birds soar on planes which, at the same time, are used for propulsion. And here again, man has substituted the more efficient propellor with fixed planes for soaring. There remains the extraordinary and little known movements of the air, within which the new navigation must take place. To say that we know little that is precise about these movements is to state the greatest difficulty in the way of aerial navigation, and point the way for man to soar to higher flights of flying. And out of the blue empyrean we will surely snatch the knowledge to guide the flyer on his way.—Brig. Gen. Jones, U. S. A., in Columbian.

BOY HAS SNAKES FOR PETS

Takes Reptiles to School so Often They No Longer Cause Excitement.

Snakes are the particular pets most favored by Edwin Whiffen, Jr., of New Rochelle. His father is a professor of science in a public school. On Saturdays and holidays Mr. Whiffen's recreation and pleasure is hunting snakes, and if the finds are particularly good he takes them home, where they are harbored and cared for by Mrs. Whiffen and all the little Whiffens. Besides Edwin, Jr., who is the oldest, there are Eva, age six; Helen, age four, and Baby Robert, age two. All the children love the snakes and handle them as other children would handle kittens. They take particular delight in laughing at people who are afraid, yet whenever Edwin brings a snake to school he never takes it near the other children if they are afraid. However, the Weyman Avenue school has had so many visits from so many kinds of snakes that both teachers and pupils have grown to look for them, and now the snakes' visits are void of particular excitement. Most of the teachers or children would willingly handle the snakes, but the snakes know their master and kick back at the strangers.

Bicycles in Siam.

One of the most popular modes of locomotion in Bangkok is the bicycle; the city covers a very large area, the public offices are far from the residential portion of the town and the roads are excellent. The customs report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1910, shows that 708 machines were imported during that year, an increase of 246 over the previous year, amounting to $18,612, an average of $26 a bicycle. Machines may be bought locally from $15 upward, the English makes ranging from about $30 to $75. Parts of bicycles were imported during the last fiscal year amounting to $2,940. Of all the bicycles imported during the last year 587 are credited to the United Kingdom, 34 to Denmark, 33 to Germany, 41 to Singapore, 16 to Belgium, 3 to France, 1 to Italy and 3 to the United States.

Too Simple.

Percy D. Haughton, the Harvard coach, talked at the Harvard training table the other day about umpires and referees.

"These chaps should be strict," he said, "but Hopkinson was too strict. In a very important game, back in the 90's, a dispute arose between two guards about a foul. The dispute was involved and bitter, but Hopkinson's way of settling it was simple—perhaps too simple.

"'We'll have no argument,' he said. 'I'll just order you both off the field and then there can't be any mistake.'"

A Geographical Loss.

Col. Cecil Lyon, Republican national committeeman from Texas, went to Mexico City with a friend of his on one occasion, and, while he was there, sat in for a ten-cent-limit poker game, in which his friend was the banker. The colonel won $28, but his friend deferred payment until they had returned to their home in Texas. Then he gave the colonel $14.

"Well, you see," explained the friend, "you won $28 in Mexico, where one American dollar is worth two in the currency those people use. Consequently you get only one dollar for two."

The Boston Way.

Miss Lakeside—Was your heart pierced by one of Cupid's darts during your stay in Boston?

Miss Dearborn—Not on your aeroplane. Boston cupids don't use darts.

Miss Lakeside—Indeed! What do they use?

Miss Dearborn—Beanshooters.

SURELY LIMIT IN RED TAPE

Incident in the Very Cradle of Prussian Officialdom That Is Hard to Beat.

The following story of red tape, which is vouched for by the Berlin Tagliche Rundschau, is hard to beat even in the very cradle of Prussian officialdom. Not long ago the head mistress of a high school for girls notified the authorities that there was a rat on the premises and asked that a man might be sent to kill it. The request was duly noted, but as the official rat catcher was not immediately available the head mistress was advised to feed the beast in the meantime so that the rat catcher should not make a fruitless journey. This she did for some weeks, and as the rat killer did not put in an appearance she made a second application. The original request, she was informed, had been mislaid, but help would be sent in a few days. Weeks passed and one day the rat was found dead and was buried in the garden in the presence of the head mistress. A day or so later an official carrying a bundle of documents "in the matter of the rat" brought a message to the effect that the head mistress should take steps to destroy the rat at her own expense, as the official rat catcher could not come before the end of November. Upon being informed that the rat was dead and buried the official retired, but came back the next day asking for a written certificate to show that the rat was really dead. He got it, and the administrative machine is once more working smoothly.

AS TO OUR SENSE OF HUMOR

Life Would Be Dull Without It, But Its Manifestations Are Beyond Estimation.

A dignified, retired judge in the east was brought near to death lately through a fit of laughter caused by a comparison of a woman in a hobble skirt to a giraffe with its feet tied together. The possessor of a keen sense of humor would hardly find this convulsing, but it nearly killed the judge. So, too, a man in Lawrenceburg, Ind., laughed for 12 hours over the idea of trading a mule for a shaved-tail horse.

A sense of humor is often a safety valve to human beings. Life would be a dull thing without it, but its manifestations are beyond estimation. A recent writer speaks of the frequency with which it spoils the most pathetic scenes at the theater; of how that which should incite pity is mistaken by the thoughtless for a subject of mirth. The criticism is deserved, but it is to be doubted if it will correct a misplaced sense of humor which seems to be inherent in a considerable portion of the human race.

There is no accounting for taste, even in matters of this sort, and there is no way to prevent grave and reverend jurists or mule traders from becoming victims of an undeveloped or a too greatly developed sense of humor.

Galloping Kitchen.

The British soldier is notoriously fond of his rations, and like every other soldier is a poor fighter when his meals do not appear with proper regularity.

So that Tommy Atkins may not be kept a second date from his beef and tea the army has rigged up a novel "galloping kitchen," a cooker on wheels, which cooks as it goes and can rattle along on its gun carriage over the roughest roads a horse can take, the provender boiling away all the time.

There is a boiler divided into four compartments and a firebox below, nothing more. The arrangement could not be simpler, and it saves the annoyance of setting up a whole cooking outfit at every stop when the army is on a rapid march, and also assures a meal to the detachment that is away from camp on a scouting or skirmishing expedition.

Very Proxy.

Prof. Brander Matthews of Columbia, in one of his brilliant addresses on the drama, said of an unimaginative and prosaic dramatist:

"He it was, I am sure, who in his youth, on being asked in examination what Shakespeare meant by the phrase, 'Sermons in stones,' wrote in reply:

"'When passing by a tombstone you may learn the name and the dates of birth and death of the departed one, and also from the inscription a valuable moral lesson from his or her life. Walking along a road you may see from the milestones the number of miles to the nearest towns, and thus acquire geographical information. Heaps of stones by the roadside indicate that repairs are to take place, and so inculcate a lesson in neatness.'"

Not Tipping for Show.

First Waiter—That's his wife he's got with him.

Second Waiter—What makes you think so?

First Waiter—He picked up the quarter and left me the dime, and she was looking right at him all the time.—Detroit Free Press.

Regarding His Duties.

"Were you successful in the discharge of your duties on earth?" asked St. Peter.

The wealthy importer shook his head and smiled sadly.

"Not nearly so successful as I was in the evading of them," he confessed.

MENTAL POWER NOT GROWING

Anglo-Saxon Success Result of Character, Rather Than Intellectual Superiority.

Man is no longer growing in mental capacity if the conclusions of a British authority, Neville Chamberlain, are correct. He makes a distinction between intellect, pure and simple, and the qualities that together make up what is called character and finds it doubtful if the races often regarded as inferior are at any disadvantage in pure intellect. It is unfair to decide mental capacity by comparing those who have had the benefits of education—giving the accumulated experience of centuries—with semi-savages who have been brought up in the bush. Two generations ago the Japanese were thought to be little better than barbarious, of small intellect, and the Bamus of Bengal and the aborigines of Australia were similarly regarded, but now they take front rank in modern universities, often excelling Europeans at examinations. More important to average success than great intellectual ability are the qualities constituting character—such as courage, earnestness, determination, judgment and sympathy. Even these traits must be preserved and strengthened by the same process of natural selection that has so powerfully influenced physical evolution, and the character of the individuals has made the character of nations. Anglo-Saxon success, past and future, may be looked upon as a result of national character, rather than any fancied intellectual superiority.

SAFETY AT THE MULE'S TAIL

Worldly Negro Was Skeptical About Advice Offered by His Aged Father.

The Saline river, Arkansas, was out of banks and swift flowing, owing to the heavy rains. An old negro and his two sons wanted to cross, each riding a mule. The older son ventured first and came up safely on the other bank. The younger went next, the father remaining to watch, thus the two anxiously witnessed the younger negro's battle against the swirling currents. The mule was swimming low, the rider showing little except his head and shoulders above water, when the saddle girth broke, and saddle and contents slipped off the animal behind, which allowed the faithful mule to partially emerge from the water. It was a critical moment and the watchers from opposite banks were all anxiety. The imperiled boy clutched frantically ahold of the tail of the swimming animal, but the old negro evidently failed to note this and shouted the first advice that came into his mind. He cried: "Look to de Lawd, Eph'um, look to de Lawd, look to de Lawd!"

The more worldly son on the other bank was obviously skeptical about such advice under such circumstances for he screamed out, "Nevah you min' lookin' to de Lawd, Eph'um, nevah you min' 'loking to de Lawd, you hol' right on to dat mule's tail."—Norman E. Mack's National Monthly.

Artificial Nests for Bass.

The government fisheries bureau has discovered that black bass culture is greatly aided by artificial construction of nests.

The male small mouthed bass builds his nest by sweeping the stones of a lake bottom bare of sand in a three-foot circle. Using his nose and tail alternately, he makes a saucer-shaped nest ready for the eggs of his mate. But he will readily use a nest that is prepared for him, and so the men of the fisheries are expediting his home building.

For the large mouthed bass nests are made of moss imbedded in concrete, as this species prefers a fibrous bed for its eggs. Ponds with basins six feet deep in the center and with shallower water elsewhere are so prepared. Wild fish caught by hook are put in to mate here, to the great increase of reproduction. Proper assortment of the fish and the prevention of crowding accomplish excellent results. —Youth's Companion.

Need Medical Missionaries.

At a recent meeting at Boston of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist church Miss Mabel Lossing, who reported for the districts of India, said that there were 12,000,000 people in her jurisdiction and so far removed are the missionaries that it often takes eight days to get from one station to another. She said that medical work is necessary in her district, but that there is none of it. She said that her veranda is crowded every morning with women awaiting an opportunity to be treated. Dr. Mary Ketring, one of the missionaries of West China, said that the work of her society was to carry the Gospel to 20,000,000 women and children.

Their Decision.

"Is it customary to return a fellow's presents after you have broken with him?"

"Yes, if you think that the next fellow would object to seeing you wearing them."

Debatable.

"I don't make a business of writing," smiled the would-be contributor; "it's merely my avocation."

"Are you sure it isn't your aberration?" snapped the unnecessarily cruel editor.

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F. & A. M.—McKean Lodge, No. 288, meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, at 8:15 o'clock p. m., at Masonic Hall, Main street.
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Episcopal.—Rev. W. E. Van Dyke, rector. Services every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Additional services at 8 a. m. except on first Sunday of each month. Sunday School at 12 m.

All Saints Memorial Chapel—East Smethport, Rev. W. E. Van Dyke, rector. Divine Services and Sunday School every Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

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Smethport, Thursday, April 6, 1911.

Local and General.

—Oh, for a sniff of real spring air!

—Read the new advertisement of Fry & Conles in this issue.

—All Fools' Day was celebrated with the usual number of practical jokes.

—Howard Denning of Ticonderoga is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Denning.

—J. W. Pickersgill advertises hot cross buns for Good Friday in an advertisement this week.

—Many of the souvenirs given away on the California cars are worth more than they charge for admission.

—Charles Foust, a caller for the Pennsylvania railroad, was hit by an engine and seriously injured at Kane last Thursday evening. He will recover.

—Farmers, take a day off and bring your families to see the finest fruits and biggest fish ever, and learn for yourself what can be done without irrigation.

—Frank Doubles, a former Kane baseball player, has signed with Akron, Ohio, for this season. Doubles was a member of the Smethoprt team back in the days of the McKean-Potter league.

—The California Cars to be here April 17, 18 and 19 are well recommended to us and all say there is more to see for 25 cents than at many-higher priced shows.

—Large numbers of people have passed through the North of Bay Counties Exhibit cars in the time they have been out, and thinking people are always pleased

—A letter from Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Dennison, who have recently moved from Colegrove to Williamstown, Mass., says they are pleasantly located and like their new home in the Berkshire Hills very much.

—Jig Bargnascleuon, a European, was a passenger on an inigrant train over the Pennsylvania Friday at Altoona, and his claim to notoriety lies in the fact that he wears a beard nine feet long, the world's record, never having been shaved.

—At the special meeting of the Smethport Fire Department held Monday evening, M. S. Geary and John W. Waite were elected delegates to the McKean County Volunteer Firemen's Association, which was held in Kane on Tuesday.

—Edwin Cook, formerly clerk in the Sartwell House, has accepted a position with Landlord James McGuire in the Grand Central Hotel in this place. Mr. Cook is an old hotel man who has many friends among the traveling public who will be pleased to see him behind the desk in the Grand Central.

—The first after-Easter attraction at the Lyceum will be a home talent production under the auspices of the Travellers' Club. Part One will be the cleverest juvenile entertainment ever seen in Smethport, Col. Gillett Junior's Minstrels. Part Two will be a lively comedy entitled, "A Day at Atlantic City," introducing some of our best local talent.

—The "Merry Widow" train which runs between here and Larabee went off the track near the foot of Hill street last Saturday and therefore was put out of commission until Monday. A Pennsylvania freight hitched on a couple of cabooses at Larabee and brought the Smethport passengers up Saturday night.

—Physicians, nurses and social workers from all parts of Pennsylvania are assembled in Philadelphia this week for the first Pennsylvania conference of tuberculosis workers, which is being held in the College of Physicians. Heretofore there has never been held in this state a convention devoted to the interests of those who are engaged in fighting tuberculosis.

—The members of the Rebekahs of this place held a very pleasant social evening at their lodge rooms in the I. O. O. F. block Monday evening. A number of friends were invited to this meeting who assisted in an excellent musical program, which was followed by dancing and refreshments. The I. O. O. F. band serenaded the party during the evening. All report an excellent time.

—Morris Colegrove, aged 15, an orphan, risked his life in a sensational rescue of fifteen children in a runaway at West Springfield near Erie, Saturday. The children were being taken to their homes from school in a large wagon. The horses took fright and ran. Young Colegrove caught the rear end of the wagon as it dashed down the street, crawled over the terror-stricken children and brought the horses to a stop.

—Edward Jifkins, assistant postmaster at Bradford postoffice, has been notified of his transfer to the postoffice at San Juan, Porto Rico, by the postoffice department, through the efforts of Postmaster Walter K. Landis, San Juan. Mr. Jifkins expects to report for duty there on May 1. His wife will accompany him to the island. For 18 months Mr. Jifkins was in Porto Rico on special postal duty during the Spanish-American war.

—A meeting of the Kane Sportsmen's Club will be held in the office of J. H. Grant on Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock. The object of the meeting will be to make final arrangements for the placing of 100,000 fingerlings to be received next week from the State Fish Hatcheries. The Kane Sportsmen's Club is a local branch of the United Sportsmen of Pennsylvania. The main object of the organization is the conservation of the wild life of the State. This problem is a large one and those who have decided to give their time and energy to the project are deserving of great praise and assistance.—Kane Leader.

—It is stated that the Central Pennsylvania Lumber company will begin at once to cut out 50,000,000 feet of standing hemlock timber on their tract between Penfield and Force, along the Pennsylvania railroad. A crew of men has already started in to lay the switch from the Pennsy tracks and it is expected that the jobbers will shortly start in on the actual cutting. The logs will be hauled to the company's mill at Williamsport where it will be made up into lumber. The tract to be cleared up by this operation is the last big tract of timber in this vicinity; in fact it is said to be the last one in this entire region.—Elk Enterprise.

—The following advice is given to fishermen who will go forth with the opening of the trout season to catch a trout too small to keep under the law limit. Be sure to wet your hands before you touch it to take it from the hook and put it back in the water. The body of a trout is covered with a slime that sticks to the human hands unless the hands have been wet and when a trout without the slime remaining on its body in nine cases out of ten the fish will die. This information will prove valuable to local fishermen, interested in saving the small fish in our streams, says an exchange.

—James L. Wample, foreman of the machine shops of the Broadhead Worsted mills at Jamestown, was instantly killed at noon Saturday. He was standing on a high stepladder, making some measurements for new shafting and failed to notice his proximity to a swiftly revolving shaft, when his clothes caught in the shaft and he was hurled with terrific force around the shaft and his life battered out against the ceiling before the mahinery could be stopped. Nearly every bone in his body was broken. He leaves a wife and family, and was a member of most of the Masonic bodies of the city. He was 45 years old.

—Public interest continues to grow in the campaign of lectures and demonstrations on orchard subjects held by Prof. Surface's Horticultural inspectors in ten sections of the state. More spraying for injurious pests and fungous diseases will be done this spring than ever before, acording to the reports of plans of farmers and fruit growers who attend these meetings. Only two weeks more will be devoted to this work before the buds open, and such persons as are interested in the care of their trees and the production of fine fruit, should arrange to attend the lectures most convenient to their homes. A meeting will be held in the orchard of D. C. Young in Keating township, at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon, April 17.

—All Fools' Day was celebrated in a very amusing manner by the Travellers' Club at the regular meeting held last Saturday. Clever April Fool sealed programs were presented as souvenirs to the 63 ladies present. A playlet entitled "The Pink Swan Quilt Pattern" was presented by the committee for the day; Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. V. B. Bouton and Mrs. Brownell, assisted by Miss Wells, Miss Pattison, Mesdames Chas. Gleason, Heath, Brasted, Gorton, Bisset and Specht. Miss Wells, Mrs. Wells and Miss Gleason rendered very pleasing musical numbers. The refreshments were in the nature of surprises and were very much enjoyed. Altogether this was a very pleasant and entertaining session of the Club.

The State Engineering Experiment station, attached to the Pennsylvania State college, has entered upon an investigation, in co-operation with electricians of the Pennsylvania railroad, to perfect a system of wireless telegraphy for use between railroad stations. In the case of storms, or other natural disturbances which interrupt the ordinary telephone and telegraph service, the railroad companies are largely helpless on account of their inability to communicate from station to station or signal towers. The simple, efficient and easily operative wireless system would avoid this difficulty and save much time and expense to both travelers and the railroad companies. The Experiment station now has a fine wireless outfit for carrying out this work. By means of other wireless sets erected at various railroad stations, the opportunity for carrying out a practical line of research is excellent.

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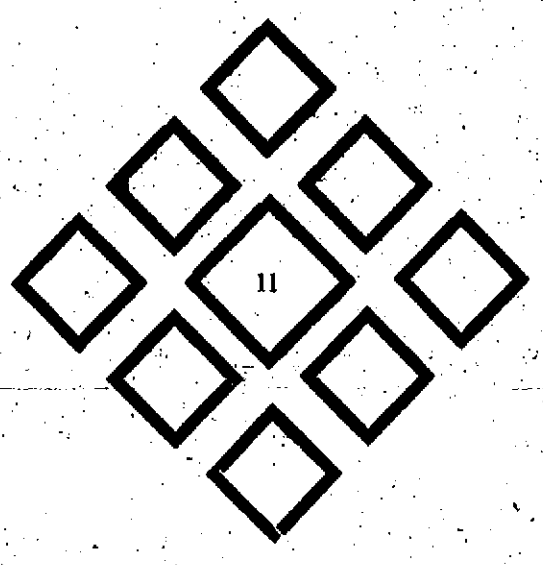

Directions: Place any number from 1 to 15, inclusive, in the EIGHT vacant DIAMONDS on the above or any similarly arranged separate sheet of paper or other material, in such a manner that any way the numbers are added, whether perpendicularly, horizontally or diagonally, (including the number in the center square) the total will be "33." The same number cannot be used more than once. Write your name and address neatly, accurately and plainly on your answer and mail your solution before 6 p. m. Tuesday, April 18th, 1911, to the Greater Pittsburg Piano Co., 633 Smithfield St., Pittsburg, Pa. Any answer mailed in an envelope whose postmark shows it to have been mailed before 6 p. m., April 18th, will be accepted.

Only one member of a family may enter.
Only one solution will be accepted from the same contestant.
No one connected with the music trade, nor first prize winners in previous contests, may enter.
Neatness, besides the correctness of the reply sent us will be taken into consideration in awarding the prizes.

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HARRY L. BACKUS,
Editor and Prop'r.

Smethport, Thursday, April 6, 1911.

Otto Ringling, one of the five brothers of circus fame, died in New York last Friday.

The New York State deadlock was broken last Friday and Supreme Court Judge James A. Gorman was elected United States Senator to succeed Chauncey M. Depew.

The legislature has changed the dates for holding the primaries and this year the date is fixed for Saturday, September 30. On Presidential years the date will be somewhat earlier, probably in May or June.

The fact is becoming evident to observers that President Taft is really doing a great work in behalf of universal peace. He has succeeded in arranging a peace treaty with Great Britain which will soon be adopted and has taken up a like agreement with France. This, too, will probably soon be accepted by both nations. In following out the Taft policy, similar treaties will later be negotiated with other big powers. This means oral arguments in settling international disputes rather than arguments by rapid fire guns. It is a hopeful sign of the times—an indication that our statesmen are beginning to be practical as well as theoretical in their deliberations.—Era.

A Las Vegas, New Mexico, dispatch of April 1 says: Torn from the arms of mother by two masked men at pistols' points in the dead of night, held by the abductors twenty-four hours and then safely returned upon payment of $12,000 cash, tells in brief the story of the sensational kidnapping in this city of Waldo Rogers, two-year-old son of A. T. Rogers, Jr., a wealthy attorney. Threats of the abductors that they would kill the babe if any report was made to the authorities kept back the news of the abduction until an hour after the child had been returned and the kidnappers had escaped with their ransom.

The Keystone party has formally notified the county commissioners that that party will have a full ticket in the field this fall. Regarding the political outlook the Bradford Sunday Herald says: So far none of the prospective candidates have announced themselves yet it is generally known that there will be many candidates. Office-seekers are beginning to get busy and are glancing over the political horizon. Nearly every Republican candidate as well as the Democratic candidates are looking for the Keystone endorsement owing to the fact that the Independents carried the county strong last fall and are well organized for the present battle.

There is a reason to think that the legislature at Harrisburg will provide a measure permitting the appointment and operation of a public service commission. In his inaugural Governor Tener asked for such enabling legislation. Not seeing his wishes followed quickly he has called attention again to the subject with the result that a bill bearing his endorsement will be offered for passage. We have not been among those who believe that a commission is a standard remedy for every political and industrial ailment. We have been slow to believe in the effectiveness or value to the public of committees designed to regulate everything from the sowing of grass seed to the oscillation of the parallaxes. Knowing that as a general proposition the expense of a commission are borne by the people, we have not always been for their appointment the hands of public service corporations so serious as political demagogues, rampant for office, have related to the public. But notwithstanding an aversion which has arisen through disgust for the fake reformer, we nevertheless incline to believe somewhat in a public service commission theory. There ought to be some neutral body for the arbitration of questions in equity between the public and the corporations. Such questions are adjusted slowly, expensively and in the main unsatisfactorily through the courts. Railroads, traction companies, gas and water companies, telephone and telegraph corporations may through over capitalization and a desire for dividends work hardships that such a commission will have ability to ameliorate. Bond issues, looking harmless enough on the exterior, may have a sinister meaning when viewed in the light of prospective or provided earning power. If these matters and scores of others equally important may be regulated and in some measure controlled by the commission when the governor desires, then we favor his plan most heartily. Wide power should be given such commission and the men composing it should be able and honest. There is no danger of giving the right men too much latitude.—Kane Republican.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

The engineers who have been selected to run the Democratic machinery during the next two years in the lower House of Congress, are already engaged in oiling up the parts, looking over the cylinders and drive wheels, tightening up the belting and generally getting ready for the start next Tuesday, when the 62nd Congress convenes in extraordinary session. Here and there new parts have been inserted taking the place of rusty ones which have shown since the Democratic machine was displaced by the Republican machinery fifteen years ago. The majority members of the House committees have been selected; the elective offices of the House have been chosen, the defeated candidates taking their loss as philosophically as possible. Of course there are heartburnings and considerable "kicking," particularly over several committee chairmanships, but the rank and file are satisfied and that is the main thing to be reckoned with when the eyes of the country are upon a party that succeeds to power after a decade and a half.

The program which the Democrats will follow, is still in the making, the Ways and Means committee being somewhat at sea whether to report the Canadian reciprocity pact at once or introduce a revision of Schedule "K," commonly known as the wool schedule holding the agreement made between the Canadian and United States Commissioners until a later date. It is believed, however, that the Canadian treaty will be taken up immediately and after a period of general debate will be passed by the House and sent on its way to the Senate where it will run the gauntlet of determined opposition with the possibility of amendment before it is finally passed by the upper branch of Congress.

This year is regarded as a crucial one in the history of waterway improvement and development for it will be settled by the 62nd Congress whether the recommendations made by the river and harbor committees of the 61st Congress, that there should be annual river and harbor bills, shall become the fixed policy of the government. For ten years or more the National Rivers and Harbors Congress has been carrying on a campaign of education to the end that the rivers of the country should be treated in the same manner as the army, the navy, the postoffice and other branches of the government and that piecemeal and sporadic appropriations should be wholly abandoned not only in the interest of economy, but looking to the early completion of accepted projects along well-defined lines. Should the Democrats, who are now on trial for the first time in fifteen years decide upon a policy of retrenchment in appropriations in view of their oft-repeated charge of extravagance against the Republicans, it might result in an agreement to pass up the river and harbor bill to the 63rd Congress. Herein lies the danger to the realization of a comprehensive policy of waterway betterments, "a danger," according to J. N. Teall of Oregon, a director in the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, "at once very real and very vital to the cause of river and harbor improvements which the American people are demanding more strenuously than ever before it behooves the friends of our great natural highways of trade and commerce to be very active this year for it means much for the future of this great project."

Four great bronze tigers, larger and heavier than the most "cheesy" Tammany Tiger ever reared, are being placed on the corner parapets of the 16th Street bridge across Piney Branch, one of the finest and most expensive bridges within the District of Columbia, having cost almost a million dollars. When the workmen drive home the last spike which fastens each base or "plinth" into the structure of the bridge, the city will see the finish of a piece of work in which all the romance of an artist's hope of a masterpiece is bound. These tigers will cost the District $10,000; they have cost the artist who fashioned them the work of eighteen months. A. Phimister Proctor of New York has staked his reputation on the four tigers which his hands and brain created for the Piney Branch bridge. The tigers will sit upon parapets, "with their tails inside." This is an expression of W. W. Reynolds, the assistant engineer of bridges, who is watching carefully the work of lifting these 1,550-pound beasts from the train to the bridge. The bronze tigers are very nearly alike, except that the artist has caught the waving motion of the tail and fastened it in bronze so that it points inward toward the roadway of the bridge. This is a small point, but it illustrates the fact that most of the detail has been worked out so that it will show the most from the roadway, over which tens of thousands of people pass every time. These tigers are said to be the finest ever modeled, the artist having spent months with shows and in the N. Y. "Zoo" making a study of the great cats.

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Smethport, Thursday, April 6, 1911.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Easter attire is advertised by The Lindholm Company this week.

—Read the new advertisement of The Bisett store in this issue.

—At Daly & Garlick's Friday sale, April 11, you can get 2 globes or five mantles for 25c.

—Trier Sisters at the Lyceum tomorrow night, for the benefit of the local fire department.

—There will be a cooked food sale in the Parish House, Saturday, April 8, beginning at 12, noon.

—The regular meeting of the Smethport Fire Department will be held in the hose parlors this evening.

—The Rev. Frank T. Cady of Port Allegany will preach in St. Luke's church Friday evening, April 7th. Service at 7:30.

—Frank L. Caskey, a former Smethport boy, is now making a lecture tour through this section and is said to be meeting with success.

—Mr. and Mrs. Elias Smith entertained a number of young people at their home last Thursday evening in honor of Miss Mable Morris.

—Miss Mattie Backus is undergoing an operation on her left shin this morning, necessitated by the fall she sustained at the Lyceum last November.

—The auditors' report of this borough appears in this issue. It shows that, aside from the bonded indebtedness, Smethport is in excellent financial condition.

—The subject for the sermon Sunday morning at the Methodist Episcopal church will be "The Greatest Opportunity in the World." The evening subject will be "The Chief End of Man and the Chief Thing in the Life of Man."

—Bell Brothers of Olean have a large and seasonable advertisement on the first local page of this issue which should be read by every young woman. Their stock is always complete and they have many customers in this section.

—Earl Coon and Miss Mildred Hill both of East Smethport, were united in marriage at the home of Justice of the Peace A. H. McAhon on Monday, April 4, 1911. The happy young couple will reside in East Smethport for the present. Mr. and Mrs. Coon have many friends here who wish them a long and happy married life.

—The committees in charge of the Odd Fellows' celebration, which will be held in St. Marys, April 26, have nearly perfected all arrangements for that event. They promise all who attend this celebration a day of genuine pleasure. A big parade will be held, and other amusements will be provided for the large throng which will invade that town.

—The Trier Sisters, in Concert and Opera Quintette, will be the attraction at the Lyceum to-morrow (Friday) night. This is the fifth and last entertainment given under the auspices of the Smethport Fire Department, and is considered the best one of the list. They come well recommended. The season tickets may be exchanged at Wells' drug store for reserved seats at a small cost.

—Ernest, the nine-year-old son of Alfred Johnson, was shot in the eye by Charles Guthrie, aged 12 years, who was playing with an air gun at Port Allegany last week, and it is expected that the sight of the injured eye will be destroyed. The father of the injured boy had young Guthrie arrested and he was held for court in the sum of $100. The Guthrie boy claims the shooting was purely an accident.

—The license of the Sartwell House at Port Allegany, which was destroyed by fire recently, was transferred by the court here yesterday to the Allegany House across the street, and the well-known proprietor, C. S. King, will be able to accomodate his patrons from now on. It was rumored that there was to have been some opposition to the transfer but none developed when the matter was brought before the court.

—Edward Green, son of Hetty, and heir to enough money to sink a battleship, having incidentally remarked that he was lonely, is receiving several hundred letters a week from girls who think they could stand being Hetty's daughter-in-law. Not only are free and independent American girls offering themselves but a real live countess has got into the game. She thinks that if her brothers can come to America and pick up rich wives there is no reason why she shouldn't utilize the same method for the securing a husband with lots of ducats.—Era.

—An Erie county farmer was arrested last week on a charge of raising and selling Belgian hares for profit without a license. He pleaded ignorance of the law and was allowed to go on payment of costs. According to an act approved by Governor Stuart on May 1 1909, it is unlawful to propagate or sell dead Belgian hares for profit without first procuring a certificate from the state at a cost of $1 per year. A bond of $500 must be given. As there are persons in this section who raise and sell the quadrupeds mentioned it will be well for them to look up the law and live up to its requirements, a heavy penalty being attached to the measure for its violation.

—Members of the National Protective Association and of the Keystone Guard, the two fraternal insurance organizations that transferred their business to the American Patriots some months ago, as a result of which action legal proceedings are under way in the Dauphin county court, will be much interested in the announcement made yesterday, on what appears to be reliable authority, that arrangements have been practically completed by which the funds of the Guard will, to a great extent, be returned. While the information given out refers only to the Keystone Guard, it is not unlikely that a similar arrangement will be made in the matter of the National Protective Association funds.

—According to the Ridgway Democrat: Three loons have been shot in this vicinity within the past few days. As noted on Thursday morning, Grover Gardner succeeded in capturing a fine eight-pound bird on Big Mill creek while on Thursday of this week both Earl Gardner and J. H. Bartholomew were successful in getting a loon apiece. Mr. Gardner got his down along the Clarion river, while Mr. Bartholomew landed his on the tannery dam, this latter bird weighing 8½ pounds. All the birds have been given over to the custody of W. H. Essen, the taxidermist, for the present for mounting. When he concludes this task these three huntsmen will have very valuable trophies to exhibit to their friends.

—In speaking of a concert given at Kane last week the Leader has the following to say about the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Eckels, formerly of Smethport: Miss Eckels' fame in the vocal art is not only local but has reached out to various neighboring cities; she is a graduate of the Warren Conservatory of Music and much was expected of her and it is only fair to say that Miss Eckels measured up to the highest expetations of the audience. She is a born artist and handles her voice as a finished cello player does his bow. Her singing of "Prospice," by Homer, and "If I Were King," by Tipton, were given with finished diction, sincerity of manner, and such superior vocalism as to be a fine example for any serious student of voice.

—The body of a man who committed suicide last December is being used by Undertaker Still of Bradford for some scientific experiments in embalming, according to the Era. The body is still unburied and in a splendid state of preservation at Still's undertaking establishment. The body is not even enclosed in a casket. It is covered by a sheet and lies in a back room of the building. The corpse has been treated with two sorts of preserving compounds—one intended to mummify and the other to embalm in the usual way. Desired effects have been produced by both processes and no more convincing illustration can be shown of modern means of flesh preservation. The ancient Egyptian's art of mummifying the dead was not so effective as the methods employed by modern undertakers.

—Harry S. Weems, the traveling salesman who shot and wounded his wife, who formerly lived in Bradford, at Buffalo a little over a year ago and then shot himself, and who, upon pleading guilty to the charge, was released upon a year's probation, was discharged a few days ago. At the time of the shooting Weems was crazed by jealousy and drink, but he straightened up and has made good since. When Weems was placed on probation he was directed by the court to pay his wife $25 a week, to settle a doctor bill for $375 and to pay $50 for legal services. Six months later the order, so far as it pertained to the wife, was discontinued, it being shown by affidavits to the satisfaction of the court that the woman was leading a life that no longer entitled her to the support of her husband. Up to that time Weems had paid her $650.

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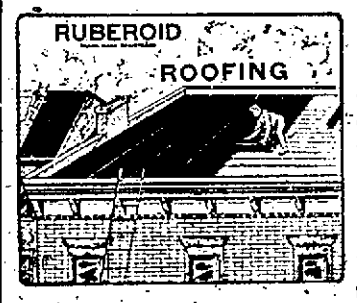

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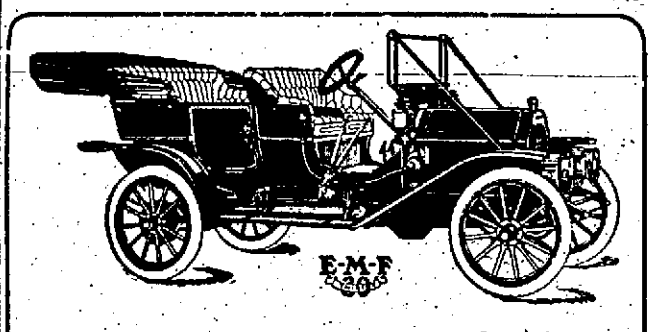

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HIS WIT TICKLES THE BEAR.

He Was the Court Fool That Many a Time Braved the Anger of Peter the Great—His Miracle of the Sword and a Wondrous Deed of Daring.

Every nation has its typical jester, around whom crystallize all the flouting stories of a people. Thus England has its Joe Miller, Germany its Till Eulenspiegel, Italy its Pucchinello, the orient its Nasreddin el Khoja and Russia its Balakireff. Like Joe Miller, the last was a real character, though not all the jokes credited to him were his own. Some were inventions of a later age; others were borrowed from the past. He shares the credit for many of the latter with Joe Miller and Eulenspiegel.

History records that Balakireff was the favorite jester of Peter the Great. Tradition represents him as the constant company of that czar, frequently exercising his wit at royal expense. One day, for example, a cousin of his had fallen under the czar's displeasure and was sentenced to death. Balakireff undertook to obtain a reprieve. The czar guessed his errand even before he opened his mouth.

"No!" he cried. "'Tis no use your coming here. I swear that I will not grant what you are going to ask!"

Balakireff dropped at once to his knees. "Peter Alexeievitch," he cried, "I pray you, put to death that scamp of a cousin of mine!"

Peter, thus caught in his own trap, had no choice but to laugh and send a pardon to the culprit.

On another occasion Balakireff asked that he might be enrolled among his master's domestic guards. Peter consented for the sake of the joke, but warned his jester that death was the penalty if any officer of the guards absented himself from his post or mislaid his sword. Then to test the volunteer life sent him up a flagon of wine to "moisten his commission." Balakireff, as was expected, drank to the intoxicating point. While he was sleeping off his debauch the czar himself crept into the room and carried off his sword from the scabbard. Balakireff, though badly scared, on awaking made shift to replace the missing weapon with his own wooden imitation of the guardsmen's sword. He was called to parade next morning, when Peter feigned hot indignation at the unthiftiness of one of the guards.

"Captain Balakireff," he cried at last, "draw your sword and cut off the head of that sloven!"

Balakireff cast his eyes up to heaven. "Oh, merciful God," he prayed, "grant that my sword may turn into wood before I use it on one of my own fellow soldiers!"

And, lo, when he unsheathed it the blade stood revealed as a wooden one. Peter laughed heartily at the knave's presence of mind and restored him to favor.

A more serious offense resulted in the banishment of the jester. "Never dare to appear again on Russian soil!" stormed the emperor. Judge then of Peter's surprise when, a week later, he beheld his old favorite goodly driving a cart past the palace.

"How dare you disobey me?" shouted the enraged monarch. "Did I not forbid you ever to show yourself on Russian soil?"

"Nay," replied Balakireff, "I have not disobeyed you. This is not Russian soil."

"How say you not Russian soil?"

"Truly not. This earthen of earth on which I am sitting is Swedish soil. I dug it up in Finland only the other day."

Again the czar laughed uproariously and readmitted his buffoon to favor. Some historians add that when he heard the excuse he said, "If Finland be Swedish soil now it shall be Russian before long," a threat he was not slow to fulfill.

This story, however, was an old one long before the time of Balakireff. It forms the twenty-seventh adventure of Till Eulenspiegel, who is reputed to have died in 1350. Having offended the Duke of Lunenberg, Till was "forbidden the land." He purchased a shilling's worth of earth to fill his cart with, and, being duly challenged by the duke, he answered:

"My gracious lord, I am not in your land, but in mine own, wherein I do sit. I bought it of a boor for a shilling. And rightfully could he sell it, for from his forefathers he inherited it. So is this truly my land."

At the close of one of Czar Peter's campaigns Balakireff overheard some Russian officers boasting of exploits they had performed.

"Nay," he cried, "I can tell a better story than any of you." And, being pressed for the story, he continued:

"Never have I liked this modern way of fighting all in a body together. Surely it would be more manly for each to stand by himself. Therefore went I out alone in search of adventure. One day while reconnoitering near the enemy's outposts I espied a Swedish soldier lying on the ground. Before he could rise and give the alarm I rushed upon him and with one blow from my sword cut off his right foot."

"You fool!" cried one of his auditors. "Why did you not cut off his head?"

"So would I have done," retorted Balakireff, "except that somebody else had already done it."—Washington Star.

NOT A GAME OF CHANCE.

The Jury Decided That Seven-up Was Purely Scientific.

One of Mark Twain's old time stories concerned the game of seven-up, or old sledge. Some Kentucky boys were arrested for playing this game under the usual charge of playing a game of chance. When they were brought before the judge their lawyer claimed that this game was not a game of chance, but was a game of science. The court, puzzled, asked for a suggestion, and the lawyer declared that if a jury of six gamblers well acquainted with the game in a scientific way and six deacons be impaneled with a pack of cards their decision ought to be determinative. So the story goes:

"There was no disputing the fairness of the proposition. Four deacons and the two dominies were sworn in as the 'chance' jurymen, and six inveterate old seven-up professors were chosen to represent the 'science' side of the issue. They retired to the jury room.

"In about two hours Deacon Peters sent into court to borrow $3 from a friend. In about two hours more Dominie Miggles sent into court to borrow a 'stake' from a friend. During the next three or four hours the dominie and the other deacons sent into court for small loans.

"The rest of the story can be told briefly. About daylight the jury came in, and Deacon Job, the foreman, read the following verdict:

"'We, the jury in the case of the commonwealth of Kentucky versus John Wheeler et al, have carefully considered the points of the case and tested the merits of the several theories advanced and do hereby unanimously decide that the game commonly known as old sledge, or seven-up, is eminently a game of science and not of chance. In demonstration whereof it is hereby and herein stated, iterated, reiterated, set forth and made manifest that during the entire night the "chance" men never won a game or turned a jack, although both feats were common and frequent to the opposition, and furthermore in support of this our verdict we call attention to the significant fact that the "chance" men are all broke and the "science" men have got the money. It is the deliberate opinion of this jury that the 'chance' theory concerning seven-up is a pernicious doctrine and calculated to inflict untold suffering and pecuniary loss upon any community that takes stock in it.'"

SLEEPING SICKNESS.

The Grip This Dreadful Disease Takes Upon Its Victims.

The course of the dreadful disease, sleeping sickness, is an extremely slow one. The first stage is said to last a year or more, and the cause of the disease may be in the blood long before any symptoms whatever present themselves. The patient has occasional fever; indeed, a disease hitherto called Gambia fever has recently been recognized as the first stage of sleeping sickness. It is said that the swelling of the lymphatic glands of the neck is a characteristic early symptom. This was known in 1803 to Dr. Winterbottom, who states that slave traders, recognizing the symptom of a fatal disease, would not buy slaves who had this glandular enlargement. The patient feels well and strong and is able to go about his usual occupations.

The second stage is indicated by a distinct change in the appearance of the patient. His expression grows heavy and dull; he becomes apathetic, lies around a great deal and cannot exert himself. With the progress of the disease these symptoms become more marked; walking and speech become difficult and, finally, impossible. During the last week the sufferer lies in a state of complete coma, from which the illness derives its name. Often during the second stage of the disease the brain becomes affected, and some of the patients try to run away, into the forests or swamps, where they die of exposure or starvation. To prevent this the relatives of a sufferer frequently chain him down until the time comes when he can no longer move.—McClure's Magazine.

Some Famous Men of Old.

The "nine worthies" were—Joshua, David, Judas Maccabeus, Hector of Troy, Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar, King Arthur of Britain, Charlemagne of France and Godfrey of Bouillon. The list varies somewhat, but this is the most popular one. The "seven wise men of Greece" were Solon, Thales, Pittacus, Bias, Cleobulus, Myson and Chelon of Sparta. The supposition is, of course, that these were not the only wise men in Greece, but the wisest.—New York American.

Waiting For Him.

"Yes, mum," said Poetic Pete as he twined an autmun leaf through his buttonhole, "I am a great lover of the romantic. I stopped at dis gate because I saw de sign 'Idlewood.'"

"You did?" approved the housewife. "Well, there is a lot of idle wood down at the wood pile. Just take this ax and split up half a cord."—Chicago News.

A Greater Attraction.

Herr Harden told of a meeting at Gastein between William I. and Francis Joseph. The Austrian sovereign commented impatiently on the too pressing attentions of the crowd. "It won't last long," returned his ally soothingly. "Bismarck will be here directly, and then no one will look at us."—London Spectator.

We may forgive those who bore us. We cannot forgive those whom we bore.—La Rochefoucauld.

HIS DOLLAR BILL.

He Tried to Bestow It in Charity, but It Went Astray.

Diplomacy doesn't always work, as a certain kind hearted business man in West Philadelphia has just found out. He says that the lesson was cheap at the price, but at the same time he will employ more direct methods next time he wishes to play the philanthropist.

"It happened on the subway the other night. He had just closed a real estate deal at considerable profit and was feeling very generous, so when he saw a poor woman in a threadbare dress carefully count out five pennies for her ticket and saw that it was the last money in her worn pocketbook he determined to help her. Of course it wasn't easy, but the man prides himself upon being a diplomat. So, crumpling a dollar bill up in his hand, he stooped over as if picking something up and then, holding it out to the woman, said:

"Madam, here is some money you dropped." He tried to smile significantly as he said it, but she didn't seem to understand and said simply:

"Tain't mine."

"You'd better take it," he said. "It isn't mine, and it was lying right by you."

The woman shook her head at first, then took it slowly out of his hand and looked at it gloatingly. The man smiled, well pleased with himself; but an instant later the woman, seeing a man looking down at the platform, rushed up and cried, "Was you looking for a dollar bill?"

"I sure was," answered the man promptly.

"Well, here it is," said the woman, and the man with a delighted "Oh, thanks!" calmly pocketed the sum and walked away.—Philadelphia Times.

FIRE EATERS.

The Trick of Breathing Flames and Sparks From the Mouth.

Fire tricks were practiced in very ancient times. The first known fire breather was a Syrian slave named Eunus, a leader in the Servile war in Sicily, 130 B. C. He pretended to have immediate communication with the gods. When desirous of inspiring his followers with courage he breathed flames and sparks from his mouth.

In order to accomplish this feat Eunus pierced a nutshell at both ends, and, having filled it with some burning substance, he put it in his mouth and breathed through it. The same trick is performed today in a more approved manner. The performer rolls some flax or hemp into a ball about the size of a walnut, which he lets burn until it is nearly consumed. Then he rolls around it more flax while it is still burning. By this means the fire is retained in the ball for a long time. He slips this ball into his mouth unperceived and breathes through it. His breath revives the fire, and he sustains no injury so long as he inhales only through his nostrils.

Various theories have been advanced to account for other feats of this sort performed by the ancients. An old ordeal was the holding of a redhot iron by the accused, who was not burned if he were innocent. Probably some protective paste was used on the hands. The peculiar property of mineral salts, such as alum, in protecting articles of dress from fire has long been known. An old Milanese devised a costume consisting of a cloth covering for the body which had been steeped in alum. A metallic dress of wire gauze was added to this, and thus protected a man might walk on hot iron.—Harper's.

London's Dramatic Censors.

London has had its absurd dramatic censors even if it cannot quite come up to Vienna. Colley Cibber in his autobiography tells us of one master of the revels who was responsible for the licensing of plays in those days expunging the whole first act of "Richard III." on the ground that the distresses of Henry VI. would remind weak people of King James, then living in France. In fact, Shakespeare has more than once been censored, for "King Lear" was inhibited during the illness of George III. George Colman when reader of plays banned the use of such words as angel and heaven.—London Chronicle.

To Make Him Sleep.

"Unit for duty because of insomnia" was the record of a New York policeman for several weeks.

Inspector Byrnes sent for the man and gave him a little bit of advice, thus: "Tonight, about midnight, put on your uniform, belt, hat, revolver, take night stick in hand and go to some corner house. Lean against it, and lean against it hard, as if you were really on duty. You'll go to sleep, all right."—New York Tribune.

No Skill Required.

Litigant—Your fee is outrageous. Why, it's more than three-fourths of what I recovered. Lawyer—I furnished the skill and the legal learning for your case. Litigant—But I furnished the case. Lawyer—Oh, anybody can fall down a coal hole!—Boston Transcript.

Alarmed Her.

Servant—Heavens! I have knocked the big flowerpot off the window edge and it struck a man on the head. Mistress—What! My beautiful majolica?—Fliegende Blatter.

A Friendly Suggestion.

Baron (to creditors)—I see no hope of being able to pay what I owe you. Why not organize a suicide club?—Meggendorfer Blatter.

ERRORS IN WILLS.

Two Famous Lawyers Whose Testaments Were Defective.

TILDEN'S CURIOUS BLUNDER.

Loosely Drawn Stipulations That Invalidated His Charitable Trust Bequest—President Polk's Will, Written by Himself, Nullified.

Whether the old saying that "a lawyer who tries his own case has a fool for a client" is applicable to Samuel J. Tilden in the matter of drawing his will is not known. It was thought for some time that the will was drawn, or at least approved, by Charles O'Conor and James C. Carter, two of the most eminent lawyers in New York, but later statements, says Case and Comment, are to the effect that they had nothing at all to do with the will, and consequently it is not definitely known who was responsible for it.

It would hardly seem possible that Mr. Tilden himself could have made such a mistake had he been acting for some one else. The statement has been made that Mr. Tilden had some doubts as to the validity of those clauses which the court subsequently condemned and had spoken to Mr. Carter about it, but nothing more came of it.

In summing up the provisions of the Tilden will the court in holding it invalid stated that the testator in substance said: "I have determined to devote my estate to charitable, educational and scientific purposes. I have formed no detailed plan how that purpose can be executed, but under the law of New York it must be done through and by means of a corporation. I request you to cause to be incorporated an institution to be called the 'Tilden trust,' with capacity to maintain a free library and reading room in the city of New York, and such other educational and scientific objects as you shall designate, and if you deem it expedient that is, if you think it advisable and the fit and proper thing to do convey to that institution all or such part of my residuary estate as you choose; and if you do not think that course advisable then apply it to such charitable, educational and scientific purposes as in your judgment will most substantially benefit mankind."

It will be noted that the discretion of the trustees was indefinite both as to the amount which they were to give to the corporation to be formed and also as to whether they should give any at all to the incorporation, and the validity of the bequest was denied upon the ground of this complete discretionary power to convey or not to convey to the suggested beneficiary.

The trustees procured the incorporation of the "Tilden trust" and elected to convey to it the entire property, but the court held that the invalidity of the charitable trust because of its uncertainty could not be cured by anything done by the trustees to execute it.

In striking contrast with the Tilden will is that of his contemporary in law and politics, Roscoe Conkling, the text of which is as follows: "I, Roscoe Conkling of Utica, make, publish and declare my last will and testament as follows: I give, devise and bequeath to my wife Julia and to her heirs and assigns forever all my property and estate, whether real or mixed, and I constitute and appoint my said wife sole executrix of this my last will." It would undoubtedly take a better lawyer than even Mr. Conkling to break his will.

In passing upon the validity of the will of President James K. Polk a Tennessee court of chancery said: "This will was written by the testator with his own hand in the executive mansion at Washington at a time when he was president of the United States. He was a lawyer of recognized ability, had filled many high public offices with distinction and reflected great honor upon his state. His will was witnessed by a law partner and a senator in congress and named as executor one of the justices of the supreme court of the United States. It comes to us with the impression of having been carefully thought out before it was formally put down and published as his last testament."

Among other provisions his home known as Polk Place, situated in the city of Nashville, was given to his wife for life, and upon her death it was bequeathed to the state of Tennessee in trust to be occupied and enjoyed "by such one of my blood relatives having the name of Polk as may be designated by the said state," and if there were no blood relatives of that name then "by such other of my blood relations as may be designated by the said state to execute this trust."

The purpose was to keep the same in repair and prevent it from dilapidating or falling into decay, to pay the necessary to preserve and keep in repair "the tomb which may be placed or erected over the mortal remains of my beloved wife and myself and shall not permit the same to be removed or any buildings or other improvement be placed or erected over the spot where said tomb may be."

This will was declared invalid as failing to establish a perpetuity. It was not a gift for public charity and was merely an attempt to retain the property for the use of the blood relatives of the testator.

How easy it is for one to suggest a sure way for some one else to manage a troublesome affair!

COLOR AND SOUND.

Hues That Are Unseen and Tones That Are Unheard.

The primary colors shown in the rainbow vary from red to blue and violet, and the vibrations or lengths of the light waves that give us violet grow shorter and shorter and at length give us red. These vibrations can be measured. One day, quite by chance, I came across the statement that there were innumerable light waves longer than those which give violet. At once the question sprang. Were these longer waves represented by colors which we don't see, colors for which we have no name, colors of which we can form no conception? And was the same thing true of the waves which, growing shorter and shorter, give us the sensation of red? There is room, of course, for myriads of colors beyond this other extremity of our vision. A little study convinced me that my guess was right, for all the colors which we see are represented to our sense of feeling in degrees of heat; that is, blue shows one reading on the thermometer and red a higher reading, and by means of this new standard I discovered that man's range of vision is not even placed in the middle of the register of heat, but occupies a little space far up toward the warmer extremity of it. There are thousands of degrees of cold lower than blue and hundreds of degrees of heat above red. All these gradations are doubtless represented by colors which no human eye can perceive, no human mind imagine. It is with sight as with sound. We know now that there are noises louder than thunder which we cannot hear, the roar that lies on the other side of silence. We men are poor restless prisoners, hemmed in by our senses as by the walls of a cell, hearing only a part of nature's orchestra and that part imperfectly, seeing only a thousandth part of the color marvels about us and seeing that infinitesimal part incorrectly and partially.—Forum.

THE DEATH OF A CZAR.

Dramatic Story of the Way Nicholas I. Committed Suicide.

There are various stories of the death of the Czar Nicholas I. Here is one which the great singer Marlo heard from a doctor of the court and which is told in "The Romance of a Great Singer:"

"When the Russian army was meeting with reverse after reverse in the Crimean war the czar sent for his doctor and demanded to know which was the quickest and most painless poison that he knew of, bluntly telling the startled physician that he had resolved to commit suicide. He further warned the doctor in the stern manner which was his characteristic that if he were not obeyed the doctor's life would be worthless. He sharply silenced the man's nervous remonstrances and commanded him to bring the poison. The doctor did not dare to refuse and a few minutes later brought a small vial containing the poison, which he assured the czar would deprive any one of existence in a few minutes. To be sure that he had been obeyed and that the doctor was speaking the truth the czar obliged him to remain in the room warning him that if the poison failed his life should answer for it. The czar took the poison without the least tremor or the movement of a muscle, and, although twice told by the doctor, who held his watch in his hand, that there was time to save him by an antidote should he alter his mind, the czar refused, answering the second entreaty by simply waving the man away, he by that time being unable to speak. It was given out that the czar had died from the effects of a severe chill, but those who knew the facts also knew that he had committed suicide rather than face the defeat of his army."

Carlyle an Intemperate Smoker.

For about seventy of his eighty-six years Carlyle smoked and made most of his contemporaries smoke. The trouble with him was that he was too fond of smoking a rank pipe on an empty stomach. That gave him pains and his contemporaries particular pains, for "puir auld Carlyle" was as savage as a meat house dog all the time. He cared for but two men in the world, Tennyson and Dickens. All the rest were "puir, feckless, reckless, intemperate bladders and gas bags," and all because Tom did not know how to clean his pipe and keep it clean and would smoke before breakfast.—Tobacco Leaves.

Breaking the Sabbath.

Two Scots, one old and the other young, set out one bright winter Sunday morning to walk ten miles to kirk. The sun shone gloriously. The frozen road rang under their feet. The cold, pure air was as exhilarating as wine. The younger Scot looked up at the glittering blue sky and said:

"It's a fine day."

The older man frowned and answered:

"Aye, it is a fine day, but is this a day to be talking about days?"

Doubtful Vocalism.

"There is only one trouble about a Chinese cook," said the man from the west.

"What is that?"

"You can never tell whether he is singing at his work or whether he has hurt himself and is moaning with pain."—Washington Star.

Civilization.

Missionary—You claim to be civilized, and yet I find you torturing your captives. Native—Pardon, but we do not call this torturing now. We are merely hazing him.—Cleveland Leader.

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MOURNING CUSTOMS.

They Are Very Ancient, and Experts Differ as to Their Origin.

The origin of going into mourning was discussed recently by a body of anthropologists. Some students hold that the wearing of black was originally a disguise assumed as a protection from the dead person's spirit. The idea was that the deceased was naturally disgusted to find himself dead and that he wreaked his resentment upon his relations. Therefore the relations thought that to alter their appearance would be a means of escape, and all over the world veils were used to hide the faces of mourners—a practice still surviving in the impenetrable veil of the widow.

The disguises mourners used—such as the veil, the turning of the clothes inside out and the shaving of the head, as practiced by the Ainos—were simple enough, but supernatural beings were always, it appeared, easy to trick.

Another theory of mourning was that it was put on to warn people that its wearers had been contaminated by death. There was an idea of pollution attached to the great mystery. All early people shared the horror of death and the fear of the return of the spirits. Thus in the Sudan widows sprinkle their food with ashes to prevent their husbands' ghosts from eating it. —Exchange.

THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS.

They Extend East and West For More Than a Thousand Miles.

Few persons are aware that the shortest route from San Francisco to Japan is by way of Alaska. Nearly a thousand miles are saved to vessels trading with the orient by coasting along the Aleutian islands rather than following the Hawaiian route.

The Aleutian islands, which extend in a chain east and west for more than a thousand miles, are inhabited by the remnant of the Aleuts. Their war of the revolution closed just as the American Revolutionary war began. So patriotic were the Aleuts, so brave in their struggle for independence, that they succumbed to the Russians only after a conflict of nearly fifty years, and then simply because the race was almost exterminated in the struggle.

While the Aleutian islands must eventually form an important link in the commerce between the United States and the orient, other islands link our country with the vast empire to the north. In the narrow Bering strait lie two little islands, one occupied by Russia, the other by the United States, so that citizens of the two great nations live on respective islands within a few miles of each other.—New York Press.

The Courage of Life.

The two virtues that help us along most in life are trust and courage. Apart from the tragedies invited by sin and violence and self indulgence, a large part of our trouble comes from anxiety, distrust, apprehension. It was not all frivolity that dictated the answer of a young girl who, being urged to prepare herself for a profession or a definite work, responded: "I'm not going to look ahead and worry. I can do a lot of useful things. I can mend, and make salad, and amuse children, and be patient and economical, and help people to enjoy themselves, and I don't believe nice girls starve." Courage and faith are always assets. Even if life goes back upon them and fails to come up to expectations the practice of these virtues is just that much to the good, and we have at least not lived in the evil moment until it arrived.—Harper's Bazar.

For Peace Only.

It is well known that the Friends have always been devoted to the principles of peace. As they had a controlling influence in the public affairs of Nantucket, there was no military organization on that island for several generations. How the matter was managed is told by the author of "September Days on Nantucket."

Whenever military companies came to the island for a holiday young women thronged the windows and waved handkerchiefs, but there was no rise of military ambition in the town. Once a coterie of young men formed a training company and sent to Boston for equipments, but their elders compelled them to make the first article of their constitution read, "This company shall be disbanded immediately in case of war."

Her Stipulation.

The pale young man with sheepish eyes glanced timorously at his fair companion. They had sat together in the conservatory for fully five minutes and had hardly exchanged a word.

At last, in desperation, he dived his hand into his breast pocket and brought out his cigarette case.

"Do you mind, Miss Smilax, if I smoke?" he asked.

"Not in the least," replied the young lady sweetly, "if you don't think it will make you sick!"

Close Relations.

"You advise that man's constituents to stand by him?"

"Yep," replied Farmer Corntossel. "I advise 'em to stand by close enough to watch everything he does."—Washington Star.

His Inheritance.

"Does he inherit his father's genius?"

"No; only his father's eccentricities of genius. That is why we are giving a benefit for him."—Chicago Record-Herald.

What a happy world this would be if every man spoke as well of his live neighbors as he does of his dead ones!

BATHTUBS IN MEXICO.

Made of Cement, They Are a Real Luxury in a Hot Climate.

"Unless you have been in the tropics," remarked the man who had just returned from a trip to Mexico, "you can't possibly realize how great a luxury a cold bath can be. It's not that the climate is necessarily warmer than a New York summer, but the natives have worked out the problem of bathing to its ultimate conclusions. They have invented the ideal tub.

"On the great private estates in Mexico baths are in use today which were hewn out of the solid rock centuries ago by slave labor. They are located for the most part in the vicinity of running water and are fed by bamboo pipes, but in many cases they have to be filled by the old fashioned method of carrying a bucket to and from the spring.

"In the cities the so called stone baths are made of cement. The residences of all well to do people are provided with them, and they are a feature of the native hotels. They are usually about ten feet long by four deep—baby swimming tanks, in fact.

"The tropical custom is to fill the baths late at night. By the following morning the water will have acquired a limpid coolness that acts like a tonic upon the body. When one remembers that near the equator it is almost as warm in the morning as it is at noon and that water taken direct from the city mains is always tepid the advantage of the stone or cement bath is evident."—New York Sun.

TIGERISH TUNAS.

Wild Carnage When They Meet Their Natural Prey, Flying Fish.

One time at St. Clements we sighted a feeding school of tuna, an exhilarating sight. A flying fish weighing a pound and a half or more would start from the water and soar an extraordinary distance, nearly out of sight, but every inch of that flight I knew was covered by a big tuna keeping his place just beneath the "flier" and ready to seize it the moment it fell into the water. This rarely failed. The moment the fish began to drop the tuna would spring at it like a tiger, turning and tossing the spume into the air with a splendid and electrifying rush, a maneuver that was repeated all over the blue channel.

The sensational charge meant that a school of tunas had discovered a school of its natural prey, flying fishes. At once the lust for blood and food was on, and the carnage was the result.

I have observed some curious scenes at sea, but never have I seen fear so forcibly expressed as by a school of flying fishes exhausted and at the mercy of the voracious tunas. I have had them gather about my boat and cling to its keel as closely as they could, while the air was full of leaping tunas and soaring flying fish. At such times when a school of sardines is rounded up the fishes are so terrified that men have rowed up to them and scooped them in by the pailful.—C. F. Holder in Outing.

Delhi and Its History.

Shah Jehan in 1631 built the present city of Delhi, close to the old Delhi, and made it the royal residence. The Mohammedans still call it Shahjehanabad, the "city of the king of the world." Nadir Shah, the Persian usurper, captured it in 1738, massacred thousands of the inhabitants and bore away plunder to the value of nearly $100,000,000 including the famous peacock throne and the great Kohinoor diamond. The British first came into control in 1803, when the Mahrattas were defeated near Delhi by Lord Lake. When the sepoy mutiny broke out in 1857 Shah Mohammed Bahadour, then ninety years old, took command of the city and until the English again triumphed enjoyed the imperial state to which he had long been a stranger.

Harriman Told Him.

Harriman had an almost supernatural instinct for knowing what was going on and who was doing it in the mysteries of stock manipulation. Once when Southern Pacific had been going up fast, Harriman and various banking houses buying in concert, he called up on the telephone one of his private brokers. "Somebody is selling," he said. "Yes, sir," was the answer. "Well, hand the market 25,000 for me." Immediately he called up the head of a banking firm much interested in the market. "Who's selling Southern Pacific?" he asked. "I don't know; we haven't been able to find out," was the answer. "I'll tell you," snapped Harriman; "it's your house." And he cut off the connection before any reply to him could be made.—Exchange.

The Tough Kid.

Nabor—I saw the doctor at your house yesterday.

Subbubs—Yes; that boy of mine climbed up on the porch when he was told not to, and—

Nabor—Ah, I see. He fell and broke his—

Subbubs—Not much! He's sound as a dollar. But my wife tried to whip him for it, and now she's a nervous and physical wreck.—Catholic Standard and Times.

New to Him.

"I see your son has gone to work."

"Yep."

"How is he getting along?"

"Oh, fine. Anything in the way of a novelty always appeals to him."—Washington Herald.

In High Life.

"Met your wife lately?"

"No; but I see by the society papers that she will be at home twice this month."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Raw Musk.

Musk in the raw looks a good deal like axle grease and smells worse. The popular notion that the musk of commerce is obtained from the muskrat is a mistake. There is obtained a somewhat similar perfume from the muskrat, but most of the supply comes from the musk deer, a creature that is carefully reared in India for the sake of the secretion. The secretion is shipped in the crude state and is used not only in the manufacture of the liquid perfume sold as musk, but also in very small quantities to give strength and staying power to many perfumes made from the essential oils of flowers. Curiously enough, the blossoms of two native plants have a noticeably musky odor. One is the small yellow blossom of a creeping vine, known as the musk plant. Its odor is marked and is counterfeited in the commercial perfume called musk. The other is the bloodroot. The pure white blossom of that early spring plant has a distinct though delicate musky odor. A bean known as the musk bean is a cheap substitute for animal musk.

Fife Language.

In the school year of 1866-7, in the town of Topsfield, Mass., there was at least one committeeman whose command of language was unusual. This is shown by the annual report of the school committee for that season, part of which is copied here:

"The primary center school was instructed by Miss ——. Under the guidance of this master hand in genuine philosophic simplicity the school presented the same phase of unvarying successful advancement as in former years, from the dissonant mouthings of half fledged juvenile articulation, through the winding passages of syllabication to the Mount Hope of spelling, reading, the same grateful interspersion of gymnastic, vocal, recessive and studious exaction rendering every exercise equally a pastime and romancing the reality of the first efforts in dry study."—Youth's Companion.

An Ancient Die.

In the museum at Athens is shown what is probably the only genuine antique die used for coinage that is now extant. It was found in Egypt in 1904 and consists of bronze, engraved with the owl that was stamped on Athenian tetradrachma pieces, which contained about as much silver as three quarter dollars. The die is of scientific interest on account of the evidence it gives of the skill of the ancients three or four hundred years before Christ in metallurgy. It contains about 22½ per cent of tin and nearly 70 per cent of copper. It is extremely hard, but at the same time possesses a certain malleability, due to the great purity of the copper and tin, which were carefully freed from all traces of lead and zinc to preserve the hardness and from arsenic and antimony to avoid brittleness.—Harper's Weekly.

Making a Locomotive.

A young lady once visited the Baldwin Locomotive works and then told how a locomotive is made.

"You pour," she said, "a lot of sand into a lot of holes, and you throw old stove lids and things into a furnace and then you empty the molten stream into a hole in the sand, and everybody yells and swears. Then you pour it out and let it cool and pound it, and then you put it in a thing that bores holes in it. Then you screw it together and paint it and put steam in it, and it goes splendidly, and they take it to a drafting room and make a blue print of it. But one thing I forgot—they have to make a boiler. One man gets inside and one outside, and they pound frightfully, and then they fit it to the other things, and you ought to see it go!"

Napoleon's Peepholes.

A curious Napoleonic relic still preserved in St. Helena is a pair of shutters, each with a peephole. St. Helena was strongly garrisoned in Napoleon's time for divers reasons, and the British soldiers exercised on Deadwood plain, close to Longwood.

Napoleon liked to look at them, but did not like them to look at him; hence those two shutters, one with a hole on a level with his eye while standing and the other with a hole adapted to his vision while seated.

Hard to Deny.

As Miss Hypatia Squaretoes reached the culminating point of her lecture on "Woman's Rights and How to Wield Them" she threw back her head and stood in an attitude of defiance.

"Talk of man!" she cried. "What has man ever done for woman?"

"He's furnished the model she's trying her best to imitate," boomed a manly voice from the rear of the hall. And then a palpitating silence reigned for nearly a minute.

Found a Rhyme.

A bold poet once tried to overcome the difficulty of finding a rhyme for carpet by the following: "Sweet maid of the inn, 'tis surely no sin to toast such a beautiful bar pet; believe me, my dear, your feet would appear at home on a nobleman's carpet!"—London Mail.

A Fine Haul.

"Back from your fishing trip, I see."

"Yep."

"Catch anything noteworthy?"

"Caught four aces one night."—Washington Herald.

The Cook Ignored.

The prodigal son's father got a lot of applause for killing the fatted calf, but his mother didn't get a line of praise for cooking it.—Galveston News

Origin of Firewater.

When the Hudson Bay Trading company began its trading among the Indians it was found out by selling the Indians liquor they could more easily be induced to trade their peltries. The first whisky or intoxicant of inferior quality was distilled in England and brought to America in large barrels, but in transporting it overland it was found more convenient to divide it into small kegs. The traders soon became aware of the fact that by diluting the whisky with water more furs could be obtained. This was practiced for some time, but the Indians learned that good whisky poured on a fire would cause it to flame up, whereas had the whisky been diluted the fire would be quenched. It was by this simple experiment that the term "fire water" became a common word among the Indians. A chief who had experienced the bad effects of whisky among his people said it was most certainly distilled from the hearts of wildcats and the tongues of women from the effects it produced.—Red Man.

Symbolism Didn't Appeal.

"Charlie," sorrowfully sighed the young lady in the parlor of the concrete house on Washington avenue, "it is nearly 12 o'clock."

"Yes, Belinda," was the breathing response of her poetical companion, who was sitting on the sofa beside her, "the minute hand is drawing closer and closer to the hour hand, and when the time of midnight is chimed the two hands will be even as one. Oh, darling Belinda," he continued as he fervently shambled the action of the minute hand, "may not the coming together of those two hands be symbolical of us?"

She broke away and stood firmly on her feet. "No, Charles Henry Smith," she retorted angrily, "those two hands will remain as one but a single second, and then the minute hand will divorce itself and go on its way alone. No, Mr. Smith, a minute hand that doesn't stick isn't the kind of symbolism I want!"—Boston Post.

Vernet In a Storm at Sea.

Vernet, the celebrated painter of sea pieces, eager in the study of nature, made several long voyages in his younger days in order to observe the various scenes which the changeful elements exhibit. In one of these excursions undertaken merely for the love of the art a most violent gale of wind arose, when Vernet, without attending to the perils with which he was surrounded, desired one of the sailors to lash him fast to some of the rigging. Soon after this request was granted the storm increased, attended with thunder and lightning and with every circumstance that could add to the horror of the scene, and consternation and terror sat on every countenance, but in the young painter every emotion was lost in that of admiration, which so wholly engrossed his attention that he every now and then exclaimed in the most enthusiastic terms, "Good heavens, what a noble scene!"

Knife Duels In Mexico.

A duel between cattle herders on the Mexican plains is about as savage and deadly a manner of fighting as one could possibly imagine. Each opponent extends his left arm, and a third party who has been selected to act as referee binds their wrists together with a thong of rawhide. He then places a knife in the right hand of each, and the fight is on. Needless to say, it does not last long. Every stab may be calculated upon to do damage, and it often happens that both duelists receive fatal wounds. Yet, in spite of the severe rules of the game, there are men who become experts and terrorize a whole neighborhood. They pride themselves on being able to strike so quickly and so surely that they can kill an opponent with the first blow and get away unscathed.—Exchange.

The Suicide of Hannibal.

Defeated at Zama, Hannibal fled to the east to avoid falling into the hands of the Romans and found temporary security in the dominions of Mithridates. He incited this monarch to engage in a Roman war, and, his advice as to its conduct being rejected, the war proved unsuccessful, and Mithridates was required as one of the conditions of peace to deliver up Hannibal to his enemies, the Romans. The unfortunate Carthaginian heard of his approaching fate, swallowed the poison which for years he had carried about his person and expired just as the envoys arrived to take him in charge.

Ancient Repartee.

A union of discordant particulars is laughable, as, What is wanting to him except fortune and virtue? Similar to this is friendly admonition by way of giving advice, as when Granius persuaded a bad pleader, who had made himself hoarse with speaking, to drink a cold mixture of honey and wine as soon as he got home. "I shall ruin my voice," said he, "if I do so." "It will be better," said Granius, "than to ruin your clients."—From Cicero's "Oratory."

An Exciting Contest.

Henson—I bet my wife that I could thread a needle before she could sharpen a lead pencil. Benson—Which won? Henson—I won in exactly thirteen minutes, but I believe I'd have lost if she had not run out of pencils at the end of five minutes.—Chicago News.

Still Stronger.

Grocer—Good morning, Mr. Popple. How are those eggs I sent you? Popple—Better, thank you. They are gaining strength every minute.

Life is a plant that grows out of death.—Beecher.

Passports In Russia.

Every person arriving in Russia is required to surrender his passport to the owner or manager of the hotel or house he stops at and if married give all information as to the name and ages of his wife and children, so as to enable the house owner or hotel proprietor to complete the blank prescribed by law for submittance with the passport to the respective police district station for registration. The blanks are made out in duplicate, one copy being filled out at the police station and the other forwarded to the address bureau, at which place it is possible to learn the address of any one residing, temporarily or otherwise, in the city. A similar blank is filled out when the party moves into another house or leaves the city, notation being made as to the destination. The traveler in leaving need only inform the hotel management or house owner, provided he is living in private apartments, of his departure and give the name of the city or country he is bound for.

The Retort Legal.

"Sometimes the law seems unjust for the reason that it isn't comprehended," said a judge. "Take the case of the woman prisoner before Sir Edward Coke. This woman appeared in court with her hat on. The judge said sternly:

"'A woman may be covered in church, but not when arraigned in a court of justice.'

"To this the woman replied:

"'It seems singular that I may wear my hat in the presence of God, but not in the presence of man.'

"And she would appear, in her legal ignorance, to have got the better of the argument until Sir Edward Coke retorted:

"'It isn't singular at all. Man, with his weak intellect, cannot discover secrets known to God, and therefore in investigating truth the court must see all obstacles put aside.' Accordingly it is fitting that the prisoner's hat be removed and with it the shadow that it casts on her face.'"

He Didn't Like Connecticut.

"I have always had a mild interest," said the lawyer, "in the origin of the Connecticut Yankee's reputation, but I had no idea that it extended so far back until I ran across in the surrogate's office the other day the will of Lewis Morris of Morrisania, made in 1709 and admitted to probate in 1762. It contains this paragraph:

"'It is my desire that my son, Gouverneur Morris, may have the best education that is to be had in England or America but my Express Will and Directions are that he be never sent for that purpose to the Colony of Connecticut, least he should imbibe in his youth that low Craft and cunning so Incident to the people of that Country, which is so interwoven in their constitutions that all their art cannot disguise it from the world, tho' many of them under the Sanctifyed garb of Religion have Endeavoured to Impose themselves on the World for honest Men.'"—New York Sun.

"Beautiful as a Dachshund."

It is in the drawing rooms of the German diplomats and their friends that you meet occasionally the long haired, aesthetic masculine beings whom you have perhaps noticed skating in the Tiergarten, with their long coats flapping in the breeze, or bundled over a journal at Bauer's artists and writers whose names every one knows, and there are dozens of young army officers, their cheeks scarred with the wounds of many duels. They talk Wagner and Schopenhauer with serious appreciation, and in the midst of the waltz as they are spinning Teutonic giddily around and around like an animated top you may overhear them whispering in her ear, "You are as beautiful as a dachshund."

It is their supreme compliment.—Delineator.

A Grewsome Bequest.

What is probably the strangest and at the same time the most horrible bequest ever made is to be found in the will of Lieutenant de Pap, formerly an officer in a smart regiment of Austrian hussars, who was executed by strangling some years ago for the murder of his brother.

Previous to his execution the murderer requested that he might be photographed while hanging on the gallows and a copy of the ghastly picture sent to his father.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. W. A. Ostrander had business in Eldred yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Heath returned home on Saturday.

S. F. Redfield left Saturday for a few days' visit to Syracuse, N. Y.

Rose Duncley of Corydon was a business visitor in town this week.

Herman E. Dumjohn of St. Marys was a visitor in town on Monday.

J. C. Backus returned home Friday from a business visit to Ohio cities.

Claude A. Lyons was a business visitor in Port Allegany and Eldred Monday.

Mrs. W. B. Means and son, Tom, are visiting relatives in Brockwayville this week.

The Rev. J. W. McGavern attended the Teachers' Meeting in Olean on Monday.

Mrs. Ada Marshall of Eldred was the guest of Mrs. A. A. Abbey a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Redfield left on Saturday for a week's visit to Atlantic City and New York.

Mrs. Mary Choate of Buffalo is visiting her brother-in-law, H. M. Choate, and family this week.

Humane Officer A. N. Heard of Bradford was a visitor in town on Monday and was a pleasant caller at this office.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Frank Hunt of Rixford were business visitors in town yesterday and were pleasant callers at this office.

Charles A. Herrick, editor and publisher of the Oswayo Valley Mail at Shinglehouse, was a pleasant caller at this office this morning.

E. E. Greely of Sugargrove has been visiting friends and relatives in this vicinity and was a pleasant caller at this office last Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Colegrove of Green street were called to Sizerville last Thursday to attend the funeral of the latter's uncle, Delos Burlingame.

Mrs. C. C. Choate and son, Homer, leave to-day for Uniontown, Pa., where they will make a two months' visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Smart.

Leo Digel and Orson Stull left Monday for Cleveland where they will enter automobile factories for a short time. Mr. Digel is studying up on the Peerless and Mr. Stull on the Sterns, the cars they expect to drive this season.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Powell and two sons, Jack and Frank, are visiting Mrs. Powell's mother, Mrs. B. F. Wright, at her home on East Main street. Mr. Powell has closed out his business at Ridgway and on Saturday will start for Seattle, Wash., where they expect to make their future home.

Self-Raising Fame.

At one request of the new lecturer the driver of the sight-seeing wagon stopped on every trip before an old-fashioned three-story brick house near Washington square, where the lecturer bawled through the megaphone:

"This is the birthplace of William Howard Bidwell"

That statement brought a puzzled look into the faces of the passengers, but the lecturer's impressive manner awed them into silence and nobody got up spunk enough to ask questions. But one day the driver said in a confidential whisper:

"Say, Bill, who in thunder is this William Howard Bidwell, anyhow?"

"Me," said the lecturer.

"Wireless" Among Indians.

A curious system of "wireless telegraphy" has been found among the Indians of the Putumayo, a chief tributary of the upper Amazon. As described by W. E. Hardenburg, the apparatus consists of two logs of hard wood, with small holes burnt through lengthwise by heated stones. The thicker of the two logs gives out two grave notes when struck, the thinner two acute notes. Hanging from roof timbers, the logs are beaten with rubber-tipped clubs, and signals are sent by a code based on the difference of tone and the length and number of blows. In this way messages are exchanged to distances of seven to ten miles.

A Stay-at-Home's Apology.

"Why didn't you go to the polls to vote?"

"Well," replied Farmer Cornstock, "after listenin' careful to what the candidates had to say about each other I concluded neither of 'em was with hitchin' up a hoss for."

Extravagance.

The height of affluence is in asking your wife, your own wife, to take a spin in a hired automobile.

The Fashion in Names.

Babies are the victims of fashion like their elders. Whatever happens to be the name-phase of the period in which they made their advent, to that they are doomed. Just now Elizabeths and Jameses are being literally christened by dozens, and Peters are alarmingly prevalent.—Pictorial.

Prophetic Dream Fulfilled.

It was stated at an inquest on a Dean Forest (England) collier, who had become entangled in the machinery, that on the previous night he woke up his wife and told her he had dreamed that while working with the machine an accident occurred and he had fallen into it.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—According to the Warren Times: Hon. J. A. Schofield argued in favor of the $50,000,000 Sproul Good Roads bill recently and in addition to the road from Warren to Kane, via Sheffield the following were added to the bill: Road from Rogers' Mill leading to Bradford via Kinzua and Cornplanter; new road down Tionesta creek into Forest county, from Sheffield to connect with the state road running from Marionville to Tionesta. There has been no change made in the road leading to Kane from Warren via Sheffield. The belief appears to prevail that the state will not begin to carry out the plan of new highways outlined in the Sproul bill until the bill permitting a bond issue of $50,000,000 is made. That is not the case. Section 36 of the bill provides that the legislatures of 1911 and 1913 shall appropriate sums sufficient to carry out the work until the $50,000,000 is available.

—Mary Baker, whose home is at Bingham, between Ulysses and Harrison Valley, is a student in the Ulysses high school. Last Saturday morning she boarded the New York Central train for a stay over Sunday at her home. Bingham is a flag station and when the train did not stop there Miss Baker deliberately jumped from the fast moving train. An alarm was sounded and the train was stopped and backed up to where she lay. Blood was gushing from several wounds. She was taken to her home and a doctor called from Ulysses. Although her injuries are quite serious it is thought she will recover.—Potter Democrat.

—We are indebted to Miss Maude Shoemaker for a copy of the Albany Times containing a full account of the $7,000,000 fire at the State capitol in that city. The Times contains several snap-shot pictures of the fire and the damaged building which are interesting.

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The Acropolis.

The Acropolis is the ancient citadel of Athens. It is a rocky height rising precipitously from the plain so as to be inaccessible on all sides but the west. It was the fortress, sanctuary and museum of that city.

The Philosopher of Folly.

"I have never married," says the Philosopher of Folly, "because supporting a family looks to me like nothing but a put-up job."

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Dr.

To balance outstanding as per last audit	$ 314 09	$314 09
Cr.		
By paid Treasurer Chas. Lemmler	$ 298 39	
By 5 per cent. commission for collecting $314 09	15 70	$314 09

R. C. GLEASON, Collector, 1908 duplicate Borough Bond Fund.

Dr.

To balance outstanding as per last audit	$ 74 48	$74 48
Cr.		
By paid Treasurer Chas. Lemmler	$ 70 76	
By 5 per cent. commission for collecting $74 48	3 72	$74 48

R. C. GLEASON, Collector, 1908 duplicate Borough Paving Bond Fund.

Dr.

To balance outstanding as per last audit	$ 285 02	$285 02
Cr.		
By paid Treasurer Chas. Lemmler	$ 270 77	
By 5 per cent. commission for collecting $285 02	14 25	$285 02

R. C. GLEASON, Collector, 1909 duplicate Borough General Fund.

Dr.

To balance outstanding as per last audit	$ 717 12	$717 12
Cr.		
By exonerations allowed by Council	$ 112 63	
By 5 per cent. added on above Exoneration $112 63	5 63	
By balance of 1909 duplicate outstanding	598 86	$717 12

R. C. GLEASON, Collector, 1909 duplicate Borough Bond Fund.

Dr.

To balance outstanding as per last audit	$ 155 13	$155 13
Cr.		
By Exonerations allowed by Council	$ 26 82	
By 5 per cent. added on above Exoneration $26 82	1 32	
By balance of 1909 duplicate outstanding	127 49	$155 13

R. C. GLEASON, Collector, 1909 duplicate Borough Paving Bond Fund.

Dr.

To balance outstanding as per last audit	$ 519 35	$519 35
Cr.		
By Exonerations allowed by Council	$ 81 51	
By 5 per cent. added on above Exoneration $81 51	4 08	
By balance of 1909 duplicate outstanding	433 76	$519 35

R. C. GLEASON, Collector, 1910 duplicate Borough General Fund.

Dr.

To amount of duplicate	$ 4803 60	
To 5 per cent. added on $6010 05 Taxes unpaid Jan. 1, 1911	30 80	$4834 40
Cr.		
By paid Treasurer Chas. Lemmler	$ 3388 49	
By 5 per cent. allowed taxpayers 1st 60 days on $3553 02	151 65	
By 2 per cent. commission for collecting $3457 64	69 13	
By paid Treasurer Chas. Lemmler, taxes at par	520 54	
By 5 per cent. commission for collecting $347 03	27 79	
By balance of 1910 duplicate outstanding	646 85	$4834 40

R. C. GLEASON, Collector, 1910 duplicate Borough Bond Fund.

Dr.

To amount of duplicate	$ 960 94	
To 5 per cent. added on $123 24 Taxes unpaid Jan. 1, 1911	6 16	$967 10
Cr.		
By paid Treasurer Chas. Lemmler	$ 677 90	
By 5 per cent. allowed taxpayers 1st 60 days on $729 20	36 41	
By 2 per cent. commission for collecting $691 79	13 82	
By paid Treasurer Chas. Lemmler, taxes at par	104 03	
By 5 per cent. commission for collecting $109 50	5 48	
By balance of 1910 duplicate outstanding	129 40	$967 10

R. C. GLEASON, Collector, 1910 duplicate Borough Paving Bond Fund.

Dr.

To amount of duplicate	$ 3182 55	
To 5 per cent. added on $417 17 Taxes unpaid Jan. 1, 1911	22 43	$3504 98
Cr.		
By paid Treasurer Chas. Lemmler	$ 2457 59	
By 5 per cent. allowed taxpayers 1st 60 days on $2617 57	131 87	
By 2 per cent. commission for collecting $2485 70	50 11	
By paid Treasurer Chas. Lemmler Taxes at par	376 82	
By 5 per cent. commission for collecting $396 27	19 81	
By balance of 1910 duplicate outstanding	471 17	$3504 98

CHAS. LEMMLER, Treasurer, in account with Smethport Borough General Fund.

Dr.

To balance on hand as per last audit	$ 341 60	
To cash from Collector R. C. Gleason, 1908 duplicate	258 39	
To cash from Collector R. C. Gleason 1910 duplicate	3986 01	
To cash from County Treasurer Isherwood, Jr.	592 68	
To cash from State and Foreign Insurance	50 32	
To cash from Geo. H. Denning, loan	1000 00	
To cash from Americus L. Fiance, money refunded	50 00	
To cash from Sewer assessment	1095 70	
To cash from Street Commissioner, repairing and cleaning sidewalks	16 00	
To cash from Burgess S. H. Cleveland, Dog Tax	92 00	
To cash from Burgess S. H. Cleveland, Licenses	20 50	
To cash from Burgess S. H. Cleveland, Fines	152 50	$8814 52
Cr.		
By paid police duty	$ 720 00	
By paid extra police duty and Dog Tax collected	92 00	
By paid Street Commissioner	930 00	
By paid labor on street	210 50	
By paid team work	252 11	
By paid Burgess' salary and postage	52 21	
By paid Secretary's salary, express and postage	39 80	
By paid Attorney's fee and messages	157 983	
By paid Secretary of Board of Health	50 00	
By paid Auditors	50 00	
By paid F. Foster, making out Duplicate	10 00	
By paid Surveying	27 00	
By paid John Carlson, Sewer contract	401 96	
By paid Dumping ground	20 00	
By paid Smethport Water Co., water and hydrants	270 42	
By paid Printing	70 80	
By paid Penn. Culvert Co., Culverts	148 00	
By paid Hardware and repairs	208 94	
By paid blacksmithing and plumbing	38 38	
By paid freight and drayage	17 32	
By paid sewer pipe and tile	94 06	
By paid material for streets	50 50	
By paid sidewalks and cross walks	666 84	
By paid dog tags, signs and supplies	67 03	
By paid doctor's fee and feeding prisoners	2 36	
By paid drugs for disinfection	4 95	
By paid Fire Department appropriation	300 00	
By paid Firemen's Relief Assn. foreign insurance	90 32	
By paid Hauling Fire engine and coal	19 50	
By paid American La France Chemical Engine	250 00	
By paid Fabric Hose Co., note and interest	1872 00	
By paid 2 per cent. commission on above disb. $8682 40	133 65	
By balance in hands of Treasurer Lemmler	1092 47	$8814 52

CHAS. LEMMLER, Treasurer, in account with Smethport Borough Bond Fund.

Dr.

To balance on hand as per last audit	$ 323 78	
To cash from Collector R. C. Gleason, 1908 duplicate	10 76	
To cash from Collector R. C. Gleason, 1910 duplicate	781 99	
To cash from County Treasurer Isherwood	70	$1177 23
Cr.		
By paid Bonds Nos. 60-61	$ 800 00	
By paid interest on Bonds outstanding	90 00	
By paid 2 per cent. commission on $890 00	17 80	
By balance in hands of Treasurer Lemmler	269 43	$1177 23

CHAS. LEMMLER, Treasurer, in account with Smethport Paving Fund.

Dr.

To balance on hand as per last audit	$ 626 65	
To cash for Frontage	83 77	
To cash for Donation	25 00	$735 42
Cr.		
By paid Louis Gipp Construction Co.	$ 700 00	
By paid 1 per cent. commission on $700.00	5 00	
By balance in hands of Treasurer Lemmler	230 42	$735 42

CHAS. LEMMLER, Treasurer in account with Smethport Borough Paving Bond Fund.

Dr.

To balance on hand as per last audit	$ 1078 32	
To cash from Collector R. C. Gleason, 1908 duplicate	270 77	
To cash from Collector R. C. Gleason, 1910 duplicate	2832 02	$4781 11
Cr.		
By paid Borough Paving Bonds 4, 5, 6 & 7	$ 1300 00	
By paid interest on outstanding Bonds	1785 00	
By paid 1 per cent. commission on $3085 00	30 85	
By balance in hands of Treasurer Lemmler	1665 26	$4781 11

LIABILITIES.

Bonds outstanding, Nos. 62 to 64 inclusive	$ 1000 00	
Paving Bonds outstanding Nos. 8 to 68 inclusive	28500 00	
Note to Geo. H. Denning	1000 00	$30500 00

RESOURCES.

Balance of 1908 Duplicate outstanding General fund	$ 598 86	
Balance of 1909 Duplicate outstanding Bond fund	123 40	
Balance of 1909 Duplicate outstanding Paving Bond fund	433 76	
Balance of 1910 Duplicate outstanding General fund	646 85	
Balance of 1910 Duplicate outstanding Bond fund	129 40	
Balance of 1910 Duplicate outstanding Paving Bond Fund	471 17	
Balance in hands of Treasurer, Lemmler General fund	1692 47	
Balance in hands of Treasurer Lemmler Bond fund	269 43	
Balance in hands of Treasurer Lemmler Paving fund	230 42	
Balance in hands of Treasurer Lemmler Paving Bond fund	1665 26	
By sewer Assessment outstanding	624 53	
Liabilities in excess of Resources	2360 96	$30500 00

And now, March 28th, 1911, having examined the accounts of R. C. Gleason, Collector, and Chas. Lemmler, Treasurer, we find and report the balance as above stated.

J. A. SWANSON,
G. W. BRENNAN,
Auditors.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHARTER.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County on the 25th day of April, A. D. 1911, or as soon thereafter as the same may be heard, by L. K. Hogarth, C. H. Buttlington, C. D. Cummings, C. H. Poole and W. H. Hallowell under the provisions of the Corporation Act of 1874, and its supplements, for a charter for an intended corporation to be called THE OLIVE OIL & GAS CLUB, the character and object of which is the preservation of game and fish; the enforcement of the fish and game laws of this Commonwealth; the leasing of waters and lands for fishing and hunting purposes and the stocking of the same with fish and game, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges conferred by the said Act and the supplements thereto. The proposed charter is now on file in the Prothonotary's office.

THOS. H. MORRISON,
Solicitor.
Apr.6-3t

AUDITORS' REPORT OF KEATING TOWNSHIP

A. G. FARLEY, Collector, in account with Road Funds of Keating Township for the year 1910:

Dr.

To balance of uncollected road duplicate of 1909	$ 1190 40	$1190 40
Cr.		
By exonerations allowed on 1909 duplicate	$ 233 57	
By paid over to M. S. Comes, treas., Sept. 1, 1910	358 81	
By paid over to M. S. Comes, treas., March 16, 1911	300 00	
By due from Farley, collector, to balance 1909 duplicate	298 02	$1190 40
Dr.		
To amount of road bond duplicate for year 1910	$ 2089 22	$2089 22
Cr.		
By paid over to M. S. Comes, treas., 1910 duplicate	$ 1199 95	
By 5 per cent. rebate allowed taxpayers on $1262 00	63 15	
By 2 per cent. commission on $1199 95	24 00	
By paid over to Comes, treasurer	179 50	
By 5 per cent. commission of $179 50	7 97	
By due from Farley, collector, to balance 1910 Bond duplicate	614 65	$2089 22
Dr.		
To amount of road (with per capita) duplicate, 1910	$ 3170 28	$3170 28
Cr.		
By paid over to M. S. Comes, treasurer	$ 1749 94	
By 5 per cent. rebate allowed taxpayers on $1842	92 10	
By 2 per cent. commission on $1749 94	34 99	
By paid over to M. S. Comes, treasurer	274 73	
By 5 per cent. commission on $274 73	13 73	
By due from Farley, collector, to balance 1910 Road duplicate	1013 79	$3170 28

M. S. COMES, treasurer and secretary of Keating Township, in account with the Road Funds of said Township for year 1910:

Dr.

To deposit in Grange Bank, last report	$ 1337 65	
To received of Farley, collector, 1908 duplicate	305 47	
To received of Farley, collector, 1909 duplicate	358 81	
To received of Farley, collector, 1909 duplicate	300 00	
To received of Farley, collector, 1910 duplicate	1740 94	
To received of Farley, collector, 1910 duplicate	274 73	
To received of C. N. Curtis for plank (furnished County)	13 00	
To received of County Treasurer Isherwood	718 48	
To received of Collector Farley, error in deposit	1 00	
To received of Collector Farley, Bond fund, used for road	1120 90	$6180 13
Cr.		
By orders paid labor and team work	$ 2960 99	
By orders paid taxpayers using wide-tire wagons	19 54	
By orders paid John Stratton, roadmaster	319 00	
By orders paid C. N. Curtis, roadmaster	154 40	
By orders paid Frank Ripley, roadmaster	192 00	
By orders paid E. B. McKean, roadmaster	50 25	
By orders paid A. Peterson, roadmaster (1909)	20 00	
By orders paid N. L. Hyde roadmaster (1909)	14 00	
By orders paid for freight and material	682 72	
By orders paid for water troughs and snow fence	54 00	
By orders paid supervisors' expenses	132 26	
By orders paid printers for publishing	89 80	
By orders paid stationery	6 00	
By orders paid attorney's fees	112 15	
By orders paid road signs	140 00	
By orders paid debt and interest	136 50	
By orders paid auditors' fees	36 00	
By orders paid bridge work	493 00	
By orders paid Penn Bridge Co., bridges	650 00	
By orders paid hardware	68 84	
By orders paid machinery	7 50	
By orders paid right-of-way	22 00	$6180 13

Road Bond Fund.

Dr.

To amount received of Farley, collector, 1910 duplicate	$ 1359 45	
To amount received of County Treasurer	419 70	$1779 15
Cr.		
By amount paid interest on bonds	$ 200 00	
By amount paid road fund out of bond fund	1120 00	
By amount in Grange Bank to balance	458 25	$1779 15

LIABILITIES OF KEATING TOWNSHIP

Bonds	$ 4000 00	
Borrowed of Grange Bank	1500 00	$5500 00

RESOURCES.

In hands of A. G. Farley, collector, to balance 1909 duplicate	$ 298 02	
In hands of A. G. Farley, collector, to balance 1910 bond	614 65	
In hands of A. G. Farley, collector, to balance 1910 road	1013 79	
In Grange Bank	458 25	
Liabilities in excess of resources	3115 29	$5500 00

We, the undersigned auditors of Keating Township, having examined the accounts of A. G. Farley, Collector, with respect to the several duplicates of the road funds of said Keating township, and M. S. Comes, treasurer (and secretary) in account with the several road funds of said township, do find and report as above stated.

S. D. CRAWFORD,
ALLAN OVIATT,
WILLIAM TANNER,
Auditors.

March 28, 1911.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of Levari Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., and to me directed, I will expose at public sale on the premises in Bradford township, McKean County, Pa., on

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 1911,

at 2 o'clock p. m., the following piece of property:

Defendants' interest in ALL the oil, petroleum or gas in, under or upon that certain tract of land situate in the Township of Bradford, McKean County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Being lot No. (36) thirty-six, as shown on F. E. Boden's map of the Mack lands located in the southwest corner of Warrant No. 3306, containing forty-two (42) acres of land, more or less, with all the rights and privileges contained in the deed of said oil, petroleum and gas to J. K. Merlam, et al, from F. E. Boden and wife, dated September 11th, 1889, subject, however, to all the conditions and reservations contained in Deed from F. E. Boden and wife to A. B. Smith, dated August 10th, 1886, and recorded in Deed Book Vol. 35, pages 301, etc., of the Records of McKean County: Together with one well, gas engine, tank, and all fittings, fixtures and appurtenances situated thereon and to said well belonging; Being the same oil and gas right conveyed to the parties of the first part hereto by Nora Bolton and husband by deed dated September 16th, 1910.

Improved and having thereon 2 Oil Wells, 1 Wood Rig, 1 Tank, 1 Gas Engine.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Sherman Skaggs, Birt Skaggs, and Ross Skaggs, doing business as Skaggs Brothers, at suit of Nora Bolton.

Mullin & Mullin, Plaintiff's Atty.
WM. H. MORRISON,
Sheriff.
Smethport, Pa., March 23, 1911.

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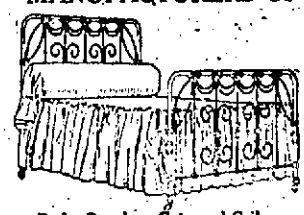

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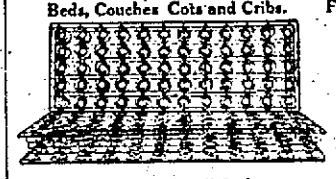

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